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The People's Chief Minister on field work

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** inaugurated a Photo Exhibition titled 'Viduthalai Poril Thamizhagam', organized by the Department of Information and Public Relations to commemorate the 75th year of Independence, to highlight the part played by freedom fighters from the State at Chennai Mofussil Bus Terminus, Koyambedu, on 01.11.2021.

October 30: **World Thrift Day**

Be thrifty and save, help Home and Country

I am extremely happy over the observance of World Thrift Day on October 30 every year to drive home to people the importance of thrift and the necessity of saving.

"Alavarindhu Vaazhaadhaan Vaazhkkai Ulapola
Illaakith Thondraa Kedum"

('The life of a man who does not take account of his measure and live within his means may seem to prosper but he will be ruined leaving no trace behind'). As such, this 'World Thrift Day' emphasizes a thrifty life and through it, prosperity for Home and Country.

Meaningful old adages like 'Siru thuli peru vellam' (Little drops make the ocean) and 'Siruga katti peruga vaazh' (Practice thrift and prosper in life) explain the importance of saving. It is very necessary for people to set apart a portion of their income for future needs. Today's savings are tomorrow's protection. Postal savings provide the needed protection in old age. To ensure that the future is secure, every family should learn to practice thrift and save. Investment in postal small savings gives the best protection.

The small savings multiply and prove greatly beneficial for development schemes and the Country's progress.

Hence, I affectionately request all the people of Tamil Nadu on this World Thrift Day to open a postal recurring deposit account in the nearby post office, derive many benefits and make life prosperous.

Thiru. M. K. Stalin
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

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"Kudithazheeik Kolochchum Manila Mannan
Adithazheei Nirkum Ulagu" -Kural: 544

The world will follow the footsteps of the good Government that rules over the people with loving solicitude.

- From Kalaignar's commentary on the Kural

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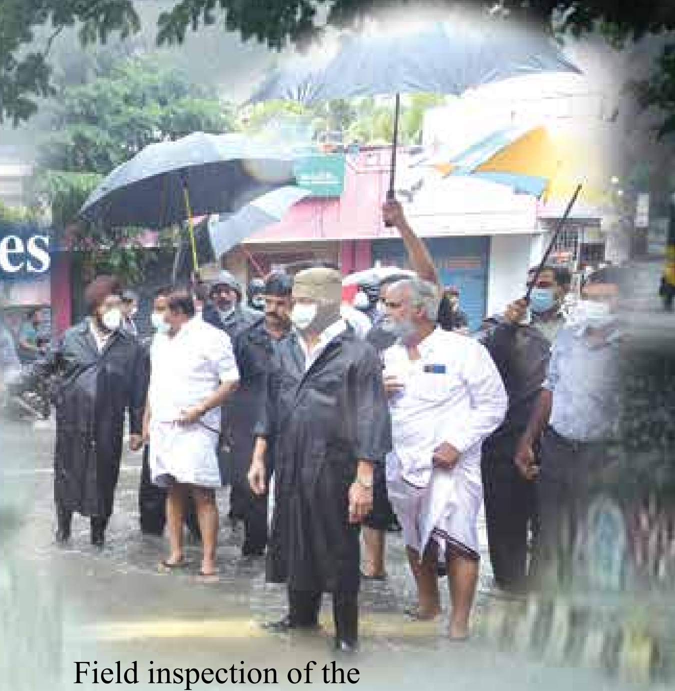
First Wrapper

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** inspected the Vepery, Barracks Road area in Chennai, which was affected by the heavy rains due to the North East monsoon, on 07.11.2021.

Hon'ble Chief Minister rushes to areas affected by heavy rains and flooding, oversees relief



Field inspection of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** in the areas affected by the heavy monsoon rains in Tamil Nadu

Perambur barracks road

In Kolathur...

06.11.2021

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** undertook a review with all the District Collectors through video conferencing over the precautionary steps and flood prevention works being taken up in connection with the onset of the North East monsoon and to face the depression formed in the Bay of Bengal.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister directed the District Collectors and all Department Officials to take all necessary precautionary measures to effectively tackle disasters and work in a co-ordinated way to reduce the damages that might occur to people and the infrastructure.

07.11.2021

In the last 24 hours, 36 Districts have received heavy rains in Tamil Nadu. Chennai recorded the maximum of 134.29 mm and Ariyalur, the minimum of 0.20 mm. Chennai in particular, has received very heavy rains.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister visited the affected areas of Selvi Nagar and Srinivasa

State level Emergency Control Room, Ezhilagam

Relief assistance at Thiru. Vi.Ka. Nagar

Relief assistance at Annai Sathya Nagar

Relief assistance at Velachery Lake Bridge area

Relief assistance at Saidapet Aaduthotti area

At the Pumping Station area on Velachery radial road

Nagar in Kolathur, Perumalpettai and Bangaru Street in Perambur and Mookku Chetty Street, Kosapettai, Padavettamman Street, Otteri, Konnur and Annai Sathya Nagar in Purasawalkam and distributed relief articles including bread, rice, bed sheets and soap to the people lodged at K.R.M. School.

One hundred and twenty-one multi-purpose safety centres in Coastal Districts, 5,106 relief camps in all Districts and 160 relief camps in Greater Chennai Corporation areas have been set up and are kept ready with nodal officers. Heavy duty pumps have been deployed to bail the water in inundated areas of Greater Chennai Corporation.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister stated that two teams of the National Disaster Response force have been dispatched, one to Madurai and the other to Chengalpattu and Tiruvallur District. Two other teams from the State Disaster Response Force have been dispatched to Thanjavur and Cuddalore Districts.

He received details of flooding in the State from the State level Emergency Control Room at Ezhilagam, Chennai, held consultations with the Principal Secretary/ Commissioner, Revenue Administration and Director of Disaster Management and instructed immediate dissemination of precautionary messages to District Collectors and the public and speedy attention to the complaints received through the toll free telephone 1070.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected the flood, created by heavy rains at Aaduthotti Bridge area in Saidapet and later distributed relief assistance to affected people in Aaduthotti, Sengeniamman Koil street and Vandikaran street.

He inspected the flood impact on the Velachery lake, the bailing of water through the pumping station in Kalki Nagar in A.G.S. Colony, Velachery Radial road, the flood at Kaiveli Bridge area in Pallikaranai and the weeding works of water plants.

Seeing the water-logged streets of T.Nagar, he directed officials to remove the stagnant water.

In continuation of this, he undertook a review, at the IAS officers', meeting set

up at the Chennai Corporation Office, Ripon Building, to monitor the damages caused by the North East monsoon, of the steps taken so far on flood prevention and about relief measures and the steps to be taken hereafter.

He also directed speedy action on the phone messages from the public received at the Control Room and holding of medical camps as a precautionary measure to control the rain-related diseases.

08.11.2021

The Hon’ble Chief Minister had a view of the Buckingham canal at the point where flood water from Kalyanapuram in Harbour Assembly Constituency, Chennai, drains into it, and reviewed and distributed food and relief assistance to the affected people. He also visited and reviewed the medical camp set up as a precautionary measure to control rain-induced diseases at Kalyanapuram and got briefed by doctors about the treatment given to the general public.

He inspected the stagnant rain water in Bharat Theatre Roundtana area in Royapuram Assembly Constituency and directed officials to take speedy action to remove the water. He also distributed food, rice, milk, bread, mats, bed sheets and towels, among other things, to the affected people.

Distributing food and relief articles to the affected people in R.K. Nagar area, he enquired about the scale of damages caused by the rains and assured the people of appropriate action.

He enquired about the rain damage from people gathered in large numbers on Meenambal Road, Kodungaiyur and gave solace to them with assurances of quick action to redress their grievances.

He inspected the flood position at the Mullai Nagar Bridge area, coming under Perambur Assembly Constituency and distributed food and relief articles to the affected people in Mahakavi Bharathiyar Nagar.

At Annai Sathya Nagar, he distributed food and relief articles, visited the inundated apartments and enquired about their needs.

He said, by way of eliminating damages due to the continuing heavy rains in Chennai, special medical camp has been set up in all the 200 wards of the Greater

In Mullai Nagar area

In Annai Sathya Nagar area

At Kalyanapuram Medical Camp

At Mahakavi Bharathiyar Nagar

At Royapuram area...

At Korattur lake...

At Porur lake...

At Gopalapuram Medical camp...

At Korattur Agraharam street...

At Kolathur Ramana Nagar...

Chennai Corporation. An electric motor fixed boat with a team of 3 fishermen is kept ready in every zone and 200 officers in charge for distribution of food, have been appointed. Pumping out of stagnant flood water from subways and roads is taking place on a war footing.

09.11.2021

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** distributed food and relief articles to people affected by heavy rains in Ramana Nagar, Subramania Thottam, G.K.M. Colony in Thiru.Vi.Ka Nagar Zone coming under Kolathur Assembly Constituency.

He inspected and reviewed the special medical camps set up at Gopalapuram Government Middle school and at Akbar Square and obtained details from the doctors about the treatments given to people.

He inspected the food preparation at the marriage hall of Sembiam Merchants Association for distribution to rain-affected people, tasted the food and ascertained the quality of the food. He also distributed food to affected people at K.C. Garden Second Street.

He also inspected the pumping out of stagnant rain water with motor pumps by the Greater Chennai Corporation at the junction of Siva Elango Road and Paper Mills Road, Temple School Road and at the Venus Nagar first street.

Distributing food and relief articles to affected people in Mangharam Garden area, Kamarajar Salai, he interacted with people and listened to their grievances. He directed officials to remove the stagnant rain water at Teachers Guild colony.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister visited Thathankuppam Tank in Villivakkam Assembly Constituency and T.R.J. Highway Point area in Ambattur Assembly Constituency, saw and reviewed the flow of water due to the heavy rains.

He visited the Thanikachalam canal on the southern side of Retteri and Kolathur lake, on the northern side of Retteri, and saw the flow of water.

At Kannagi Nagar, he distributed food and relief articles to the affected people and learnt about their grievances.

He inspected the flow of water in Korattur lake in Ambattur Constituency, reviewed and distributed food and relief articles to the affected people in Agraharam street.

At Kulasekarapuram in Virugambakkam Assembly Constituency, he saw flood water flow at the draining point of the Virugambakkam Canal, made a review, visited the special medical camp at Krishna Street and distributed food and relief articles to affected people. He inspected the storm water drainage works at Sanjay Gandhi Nagar and distributed food and relief articles to affected people.

Inspecting the bailing out of the stagnant rain water in roads at the Nerkundram-Mettukuppam area of Maduravoyal Assembly Constituency, he distributed relief articles to the affected people. He also saw the flow of water into Porur Lake and reviewed it.

Visiting the Amma Restaurant on Poonamallee-Mount Road, Porur, he tasted the food prepared there, reviewed its quality and learnt from the staff that about 400 people visit the restaurant daily. He advised the staff there not to miss feeding the people on rainy days.

“I have ordered free supply of food in Amma restaurants till the rains are over,” said the Hon’ble Chief Minister to reporters. Besides this, the Chennai Corporation has made arrangements for supply of food like sambar rice, curd rice and chapathi at morning, noon and night to affected people wherever they are by preparing the food in kitchens located in different places, he added.

10.11.2021

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** visited the state-level emergency control room of the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management at Ezhilagam, observed its activities and reviewed them. He directed the officials to listen to the demands of the general public passed through the phone in the control room directly and take immediate action to fulfill them.

He inspected the works of removal of wastes from the canal on Vijayaraghava Road in T.Nagar that was hit by the heavy rains and evacuation of stagnant water in roads with the help of poclain machines and reviewed those activities.

He visited the Sathyamurthy school campus on the G.N.Chetty Road and the water-logged areas in Viswanathapuram and Rangarajapuram and inspected the works of water evacuation. He viewed the flood water flow

at Thathan Kuppam lake...

At Amma restaurant on Poonamallee Mount Road...

At Akbar Square...

At State level Emergency Control room Ezhilagam

At G.N. Chetty canal

at the point of Mambalam canal in the interior of the Y.M.C.A. grounds, Nandanam, joining the Adyar.

So far, 1,548 persons have been moved to the temporary camps set up by the Greater Chennai Corporation. The Hon'ble Chief Minister stated that about 4,40,500 food packets have been distributed in the morning and at noon today.

At Community Kitchen, Chintadripet

11.11.2021

A review meeting headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister was held regarding the flood situation due to rains in the State and the relief measures undertaken.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister telephonically contacted the Hon'ble Ministers dispatched to the Districts and the District special monitoring officers and gave instructions. He advised them that all required steps should be immediately taken to provide relief assistance after hearing the grievances of the affected people; and ordered that supply of quality food, medical assistance and relief assistance should be ensured to the people staying in relief camps.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered the setting up of a committee, headed by the Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation Thiru. I. Periasamy for taking immediate steps to protect the crops affected by the flooding caused by rains, visiting the Delta Districts to inspect the affected crops and prepare a detailed report about the crop damages. The other members of the committee are: Hon'ble Minister for Industries Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development Thiru. KR. Periakaruppan, Hon'ble Minister for Law Thiru. S. Regupathy, Hon'ble Minister for School Education Thiru. Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi and Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Climate change and Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. Siva. V. Meyyanathan. The committee has been advised to submit its report so as to expedite relief measures.

At the Medical Camp at Austin Nagar, Teynampet

He visited the community kitchen at Chintadripet where food is prepared in boilers for distribution to the affected people and reviewed the quality of the food there.

12.11.2021

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inaugurated a special medical camp at Austin Nagar, Teynampet to mark the inauguration of 200 such camps in areas under the Greater Chennai Corporation as a

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin personally felicitated T P Chatram Inspector of Police Tmt. E. Rajeswari who during the heavy rains rescued a young man from a Cemetery at Kilpauk, Chennai by carrying him on her shoulders.

precautionary measure in the light of the onset of the North East monsoon. The camps will be maintained by private hospitals which have been included in the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance scheme.

At Narayanapuram lake, Pallikaranai Radial road

To protect the people from the spread of contagious and non-contagious diseases on account of the monsoon rains, the Hon'ble Chief Minister directed the Health and Family Welfare Department to set up 2 special medical camps in each of the 200 wards in Greater Chennai (totally 400 camps). In the first phase, the Health and Family Welfare Department has set up 200 camps and they are functioning. In its continuation, 200 more camps have now been inaugurated in areas coming under the Greater Chennai Corporation, on behalf of the private hospitals that are included in the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme.

Serving food to Irular community and Scheduled Tribe people at Mambakkam Panchayat Union Primary School Relief Camp

The Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected the dredging work undertaken in Narayanapuram Lake on Pallikaranai Radial road, Chengalpattu District and reviewed the work.

Enquiring of sanitary workers about their well being

He distributed free house site pattas to 33 families belonging to the Irular and Scheduled Tribe communities, residing in villages in Vandalur Taluk. The distribution took place at the Relief Camp, set up at the Mambakkam Panchayat Union Primary School in Chengalpattu. The house sites are located in Keezhakottaiyur. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also distributed food and relief articles to people lodged in that camp.

In the course of his visit to the rain-affected areas, the Hon'ble Chief Minister stopped at a wayside tea stall to take a cup of tea at Keezhakottaiyur and interacted with people there. In further journey, he met sanitary workers at Kandigai, enquired about their welfare and learnt from them about their needs.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin**, on the way to inspect and review the affected areas due to heavy rain in Chengalpattu District, interacting with a boy and the public while taking tea in a tea stall in Keezhakottaiyur.

At Aadoor Agaram area in Cuddalore..

At Seerkazhi-Puthur village, Mayiladuthurai...

At Kesavan Palayam, Mayiladuthurai...

At Maruthi Nagar, Arangamangalam, Cuddalore...

He inspected the monsoon rain water flow at Adhanur (Kancheepuram District) where the Adyar originates and the flow in that river at Mannivakkam. He visited the relief camp and the medical camp set up at the C.S.I. St. Paul's school, Mudichur and distributed food and relief articles to flood affected people near Mudichur tollgate.

Further, he waded through the stagnant rain water at Madanapuram, Mudichur, saw the water evacuation works and ordered officials to complete the works speedily.

13.11.2021

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inspected the flood damages caused by the heavy rains in Maruthi Nagar in Arangamangalam Panchayat, Kurinjipadi Panchayat Union, Cuddalore District and undertook a review of them. He also distributed free pattas for house sites valued at Rs.5.22 lakh to 18 families of Adi Dravidars, Orders for Rs.2.10 lakh each to construct Green Houses and relief assistance.

At Aadoor-Agaram area, he surveyed the affected crop fields and learnt from farmers the details of the flood damages. He also distributed a cash relief of Rs.1,42,500 to 10 persons at the rate of Rs.30,000 each to those who have lost cows due to the heavy rains, Rs.16,000 each for loss of calves and Rs.4,100 each for partial damage of huts.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected the affected crop fields in Puthur village, Seerkazhi Taluk, Mayiladuthurai District, reviewed the flood damages from farmers. He also saw the affected paddy and horticulture crops and photos showing the extent of flood damages.

In the fishermen Tsunami colonies at Kesavanpalayam, Tharangambadi Taluk,

the Hon'ble Chief Minister saw the apartments affected by rain and floods, got the details of the damages and distributed relief assistance. He also visited the special medical camp set up there and learnt from the Doctors about treatment details.

14.11.2021

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inaugurated the Corona vaccination cum monsoon special medical camp at Lakma Nagar, in Villivakkam Assembly Constituency, Chennai.

He distributed relief articles to rain-affected people in Sankara Bhakthan Street and Konnur High ways, coming under the Thiru. Vi.Ka. Nagar Assembly Constituency.

He visited the monsoon special medical camp set up at the Nehru Mantap area, Mylappa Street, coming under the Kolathur Assembly Constituency in Chennai, learnt from the Doctors about the treatment given to patients and distributed relief articles. He also visited the special camps at Kamalambal Marriage Hall in Madhavaram Highways, V.V. Nagar Main Road and at Mookambigai Nagar and enquired the people about the treatment given.

He saw the cave-ins that occurred in Perambur Pallavan Salai and in K.K.Nagar Avenue Salai and gave orders to officials to set them right immediately.

He distributed relief articles at Otraivaadai street, Janakiram Nagar, Ayyalu street in Vetri Nagar, Slum Clearance Board tenements in Raja Thottam, Thanthondri Amman Koil street, Nagathamman Koil Street, 35th street, G.K.M.Colony, Lakshmi Nagar Main Road, and at Anjugam Nagar First Main Road, collected petitions from the general public and learnt from them details about the extent of damages. Visited the Urban Primary Health Centre at G.K.M. colony and inspected the rain water evacuation works at the 70 ft. road, Paper Mills road and at Peravallur area.

He distributed relief articles to the orphaned inmates of the SIP Memorial Trust Home in Vetriselvi Anbazhagan Nagar, Nabigal Nayagam Street, at the JR Marriage Hall on Jambulingam Main Road.

He distributed relief articles to the rain-affected people at Bharathi Nagar, East Lake Bund Street, Villivakkam in the Villivakkam Assembly Constituency and in

Near K.K.Nagar Avenue road...

In conversation at Mylappa Street, Kolathur

Relief assistance at Mylappa Street, Kolathur

At Vetriselvi Anbazhagan Nagar Kolathur...

Relief assistance at Thiru.Vi.Ka. Nagar, Chennai

Relief assistance at Thovalai, Kanniyakumari

Financial assistance to the family that suffered fatality due to the rain floods in Kanniyakumari

At Puthanar Canal, Padmanabapuram, Kanniyakumari

At the Melamcode area, Kanniyakumari

At Periyakulam, Thovalai, Kanniyakumari

Chennai-Tiruvallur Highways, met people near the Rajamangalam Signal and enquired about their needs. He also distributed relief articles to the rain-affected people in Dhobikhana area in the Egmore Assembly Constituency, Chennai.

15.11.2021

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inspected the breaches in the banks of Periyakulam at Thovalai, Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District. He distributed relief assistance to 75 inmates of a temporary relief camp set up in Krishnaswamy Marriage Hall, Thovalai; he also visited a special medical camp located in that relief camp as a precautionary measure to control monsoon related diseases; enquired the doctors there about the treatments given to patients there; he also inspected and reviewed canal bund breaches at Therekal, Thovalai Taluk and the damages to roads.

In the Inspection Bungalow at Nagercoil, the Hon'ble Chief Minister presented a cheque for Rs. 4 lakh to the family of Thiru. Baskaran of Parakkinkal, Vadiveeswaram, Kanniyakumari District, who was washed away by the floods and died; a review meeting was held, presided over by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, on the rain-flood havoc caused in Kanniyakumari District and on the rectification works taken up. In that meeting, he advised officials to take all steps to repair flood damages, safeguard health care and prevent infectious diseases through sanitation, and ensure distribution of food, medical and other basic facilities without any deficiency to the affected people for a speedy return to normalcy. He also reviewed the steps to be taken to find a permanent solution to the stagnation of rain water every year in Municipal Corporation areas.

Later he visited rain-flood affected plantain groves at Melamcode and enquired about the damages to crops. He also inspected the breaches caused in the Puthanar Canal, Padmanabhapuram, Kalkulam taluk, reviewed them and instructed officials to complete the repair works speedily. ■

October 15 : Birth anniversary of former President of India Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

Missile Man of India

Though born in a poor family, through education and sustained hard work Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam earned the name of 'Missile Man' of the Country and later rose to the position of the first citizen of the Country as President. On his birth anniversary, we all vow to eradicate poverty which considered to be the Country's enemy by Dr. Kalam!

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M. K. Stalin
(English Translation)

"Dream is not what you see in sleep
Dream is something which doesn't let you sleep."

"Don't read success stories, you will get only some information. Read failure stories, you will get some ideas to get success."

- ***Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam***

Special medical camp in Chennai under Kalaignarin Varumun Kappom Thittam

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** inaugurated on 16.10.2021, a special medical camp at the Chennai Higher Secondary School for Boys on Kolathur School Road in Thiru.Vi. Ka. Nagar Division, under the Kalaignarin Varumun Kappom Thittam.

For the poor and the needy to get medical examination and treatment at their doorstep, the Hon’ble Chief Minister inaugurated the Kalaignarin Varumun Kappom Thittam at Vazhapadi in Salem District on 29.09.2021. Under the scheme sponsored by the Health and Family Welfare Department, special medical camps will be conducted in all the 385 divisions in the State at the rate of 3 medical camps in a division. Totally 1,155 camps will be conducted in a year. In Corporations, 4 camps will be conducted per week, totalling 80 camps and in Greater Chennai Corporation, 15 camps will be organized.

Under the Kalaignarin Varumun Kappom Thittam for the general public, general medicine, general surgery medicine, children’s medicine, maternity and women’s welfare medicine, eye examination, ear, nose and throat check up will be conducted by 17 specialists in these camps. Through these camps conducted near their residences, people can get consultation regarding the disease in the preliminary stages itself.

The present camp inaugurated by the Hon’ble Chief Minister at the Chennai Corporation School, has an exhibition highlighting methods of cancer detection by Billroth Hospital, Intestine and Liver treatment by RBS Hospital, Neuro and Bone treatment by Murugan Hospital, Heart diseases by Fortis Malar Hospital, Eye testing and free distribution of spectacles by Vasan Eye Care Hospital, Dental treatment by Chennai Dental Hospital, ENT tests by MERF Hospital, sugar and kidney tests by HYCARE Hospital, hypertension and TB related cases by the CTH Hospital, Siddha treatment by AYUSH.

Hon’ble Chief Minister makes plea for Logistics Parks at Coimbatore, Thoothukudi

Tamil Nadu gets its first Multi-Modal Logistics Park on 158 acres at Tiruvallur

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in the presence of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, at the Secretariat in Chennai on 12.10.2021 and the Hon’ble Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Thiru. Sarbananda Sonowal, the Hon’ble Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Thiru. Nitin Jairam Gadkari and the Hon’ble Union Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways, Thiru. V.K.Singh, at New Delhi, through video conferencing for starting a Multi-Modal Logistics Park at Tiruvallur, at a cost of Rs. 1,200 crore with public and private participation by the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., and the National Highways Logistics Management Ltd., and Chennai Port Trust.

Addressing the function, the Hon’ble Chief Minister said:

Hon’ble Union Ministers, Hon’ble Minister for Industries Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu, Chief Secretary to Government Dr. V.Irai Anbu, Department Secretaries of Union Government and high officials, at the outset I extend my sincere thanks to the Union Ministers for participating in the function despite their busy engagements. Today is a significant day in the annals of industrial development of Tamil Nadu. I am really happy that along with the State Government, the Union Government is starting this Multi-Modal Logistics Park in the State with public and private participation.

This is the first multi-modal logistics park in Tamil Nadu. The park is to be developed on 158-acres at an estimated cost of Rs.1,200 crore. I am happy to announce that the area where the park is to be developed is a major industrial cluster in Tamil Nadu. The park is to be set up near Sriperumbudur, Pillaipakkam and Oragadam where big industries are located.

The park is very close to Chennai Peripheral Ring Road (CPRR) and is to be linked with

Chennai Airport, Chennai Port, Kamarajar Port and Kattupalli Port. It has advantages such as excellent rail-road connectivity, proximity to the main sea route, and is well located to link the eastern coast with the western coast. The park will enable seamless multi-modal freight transfer with specialized storage solutions such as cold storage, warehouse equipped with mechanized material handling and inter-modal transfer for containers, bulk and break bulk cargo. The park will offer value-added services such as Customs clearance, bonded storage yards, quarantine storage yards, quarantine zone testing facilities, warehousing management services, post-manufacturing activities, grading, sorting or labelling and packaging etc.

The purpose of the park is to cut transport expenses to a major extent. To improve the freight transport infrastructure, we have started implementing many schemes. I am happy to announce that to cut transport expenses we are planning a Freight Transport Scheme for the State. TIDCO has appointed an advisor to prepare the scheme. The scheme is to be released soon.

At this juncture, I am happy that a multi-modal park is to be set up with public-private partnership by the Union Government with the help of the State Government. I thank the Union Government for this. This venture, to be implemented jointly by TIDCO, Chennai Port Trust and the National Highways Authority will facilitate employment opportunities for 10,000 youth of Tamil Nadu.

On this happy occasion, I place before the Union Minister for Transports some of the demands pertaining to road transport.

The Chennai-Bangalore Expressway being implemented at present by the National Highways Authority is to end at Irungattukottai near Sriperumbudur. For quick freight movement and for bringing down transport expenses, this expressway should be extended up to Chennai International Airport.

Similar Multi-Modal Logistics Parks should be set up in Coimbatore and Thoothukudi, the State Government will provide all support for them. I appeal to the Hon'ble Union Minister for participation of the Ministry of Railways in this Multi-Modal Logistics Park. I hope the Union Government concedes these demands. I conclude my speech by thanking the Union Government for giving this park to Tamil Nadu.

An interim dividend of Rs. 70 crore for the year 2020-2021was handed over to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** on behalf of SIPCOT, at the Secretariat on 28.10.2021.

Hon'ble Chief Minister launches web portals for Revenue and Disaster Management Department

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin,** at the Secretariat on 13.10.2021, launched a new portal for the Revenue and Disaster Management Department www.cra.tn.gov.tn and another one for Deputy Collectors: *https://www.cra.tn.tngov.in/tnscs.* Yet another portal, https://www.cra.tn.gov.in/vaotransfer was launched for Village Administrative Officers for District-level transfers.

The Revenue Department serves as the backbone for the State Administration and plays a crucial role in fulfilling the day-to-day requirements of the people. Various socio-economic schemes of the State are implemented through this Department. Patta, Chitta, Adangal, Community Certificates, Residence Certificates and Income certificates required by members of the common public, farmers and students are issued by this Department. During disaster periods such as floods due to rains and storms, the Department gets down to removing the grievances of the people. The Tamil Nadu Government has been implementing various schemes to fine tune the administration of the Department as various social welfare schemes of the Revenue Department, the Hon'ble Chief Minister's farmers' protection scheme and certificates issued for the benefit of the common public and students are implemented by the Department.

To make people aware of these welfare schemes and benefit from them, the Revenue Administration Department has launched the www.cra.tn.gov.in portal. In this portal, all welfare schemes being implemented through this Department are uploaded. This will benefit the people as they can access these schemes from their homes and make use of them.

Another portal, *https://www.cra.tn.gov.in/tnscs* launched on the occasion is to meet the administrative demands of the Deputy Collectors working under the Tamil Nadu Government's Civil Service. This portal provides information about Government rules and laws, Government Orders issued by the Government, guidelines, circulars, transfers and appointments.

The general transfers of Village Administrative Officers and the transfers at the regional and divisional level are done every year at the Revenue Divisional level, District level transfers are done by the District Collectors for the benefit of administration and one way transfers and mutual transfers between Districts are done by the Commissioner of Revenue Administration. To consider the demand for such transfers, to effect the transfers without any delay in a transparent manner, the Revenue Department has launched the portal *https://www.cra.tn.gov.in/vaotransfer* for the benefit of Village Administrative Officers.

Welfare benefits worth Rs. 2.87 crore to 560 beneficiaries in Kolathur constituency

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** distributed welfare benefits to beneficiaries in the Kolathur Assembly Constituency, at Everwin School on 16.10.2021. The welfare measures include petrol scooters fitted with side wheels to 16 Differently abled persons, marriage assistance to 5 beneficiaries, bank subsidy to 2 beneficiaries, sewing machines to 5 beneficiaries, monthly pension to elders, destitute women, who were given up by their husbands and widows to 197 beneficiaries, assistance from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund to 312 families who lost their bread winners in road accidents, assistance from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund to 5 beneficiaries, assistance to 18 children who lost one of their parents in the Corona pandemic. Welfare benefits worth Rs. 2.87 crore were distributed to 560 beneficiaries.

Following this, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Mercantile Bank, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu flagged off a medical emergency van and 2 vehicles to be used for Corona immunization programme in the Periyar Nagar renovated Peripheral Government Hospital in Kolathur and 70 three-seater chairs which hold a total capacity of 210 persons for the use of the hospital.

At a function held later at the Chennai Corporation School in G.K.M.Colony, the Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed educational gadgets to 70 students and honoured 34 teachers. For constructing buildings for the school, Thiru. K.V.Ramamurthi, Chief Executive Officer of the Bank, handed over a cheque for Rs. 1 crore to the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The Hon'ble Chief Minister, on behalf of the bank, handed over chairs and tables worth Rs.25 lakh for the use of 1,500 students of the school. ■

Hon'ble Chief Minister hands over Samba crop compensation to farmers

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, as a token of distributing certificates compensation certificates for Rs.1,597.18 crore to 6 lakh Samba farmers, handed over certificates at the Secretariat on 18.10.2021, to 10 farmers on behalf of the Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Department.

Sustained development in agriculture will support the overall economic development of the State. Apart from food security and protecting the livelihood of rural farmers, to get continuous income for the farmers and to attain sustained economic development, it is necessary to have continuous agriculture development in the State. Taking this into consideration, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for the first time in the history presented a separate budget for agriculture for the year 2021-2022. Apart from this, the name of the Agriculture Department has been changed as Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Department and organic farming is being encouraged for sustained agriculture development in the State.

In the year 2020-2021, under the crop insurance scheme, about 25.76 lakh farmers have been registered for crop insurance of about 42.75 lakh acres for kuruvai, samba and seasonal crops. For kharif crops, a compensation of Rs.133.07 crore has already been distributed to 2.02 lakh farmers. Taking into consideration the welfare of farmers, Rs.2,327 crore has been allotted for continuing the crop insurance scheme. Of this, for the Samba crop during the year 2020-2021, Rs.1,553.15 crore has been paid towards insurance subsidy to insurance companies.

Due to this, for Samba seasonal crops, including samba paddy, during the year 2020-2021, the total compensation of Rs.1,597.18 crore, has been received for 6 lakh farmers. Of this Rs.1,089.53 crore is from IFFCO-Tokio General Insurance Company Ltd., and Rs.507.65 crore from the Agriculture Insurance Company of India. As a token of distributing the compensation to 6 lakh farmers, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu handed over the compensation to 10 farmers.

In addition, for Samba seasonal crop insurance for the year 2021-2022, a Government Order dated, 16.08.2021 was issued on 26.08.2021 and the farmers are paying their premium for the insurance from September 15. Till 13.10.2021, 61,871 farmers have insured their crops for an area of over 67,556 acres. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu appealed to farmers to insure their crops to protect themselves from loss of crops due to calamities.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inspects desalination plant, advises swift execution of work on second one

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inspected and reviewed the 100 million litres per day capacity desalination plant of the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board at Nemmeli and the ongoing works on a new 150 million litres capacity plant at Nemmeli on 19.10.2021.

Greater Chennai depends on the North East Monsoon as it does not have perennial water resources near it. Considering the long-term drinking water needs of people during the periods of North East monsoon failure and the daily needs of the people, the Government of Tamil Nadu has set up desalination plants. They play a great role in meeting the water needs of the people.

The first water desalination plant with a capacity of 100 mld was inaugurated by Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar at Minjur, Tamil Nadu in 2010. The foundation for the second plant with a capacity of 100 mld was laid at Nemmeli by the then Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K.Stalin on 23.02.2010 and it came into operation from 2013.

Water from this plant is supplied to Velachery, Pallipattu, Thiruvanmiyur, Kottivakkam, Palavakkam, Neelangarai, Sholinganallur and areas around the Information Technology corridor in South Chennai, through pipes and pumping stations. About 10 lakh people benefit.

Following this, works are on for a desalination plant with a 150 mld capacity at a cost of Rs.1,259.38 crore at Nemmeli. The Hon’ble Chief Minister inspected and reviewed the works on Intake Sump, Product Water Tank, Product Water Pumping Station, Clarified Water Tank and Pumping Station, Dissolved Air Flotation, Ultra Filter & Reverse Osmosis Process, Administrative Building, Sludge Thickener, Lamella Clarifier and the like and advised officials to complete the works by the targeted period of April 2023.

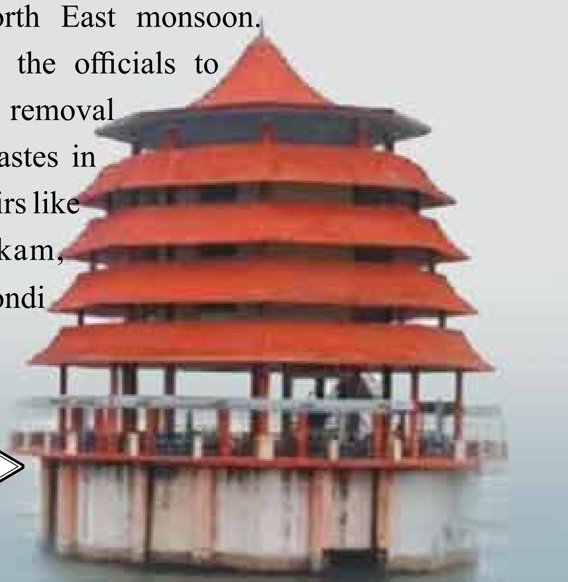
Pipe-laying works to supply water from this desalination plant are also being carried out and Hon’ble Chief Minister inspected and reviewed the ongoing works at Muttukadu area. This scheme will benefit about nine lakh people in Ullagaram, Puzhuthivakkam, Velachery, Madipakkam, Sholinganallur, Alandur, St.Thomas Mount, Pallavaram and IT corridor areas in South Chennai. ■

Hon'ble Chief Minister reviews pre-monsoon maintenance work at Chembarambakkam

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inspected the Red Hills lake in Thiruvallur District on 20.10.2021 in view of the impending North East monsoon and obtained details from PWD officials about its storage level and water holding strength.

Red Hills lake is the most important drinking water resource of Chennai City. Its full water level is 21.20 ft. and the full storage capacity is 3,300 million c.ft. At present, the water level is at 18.88 ft. and the storage level is at 2,786 million cft. The length of the surplus canal of the lake is 13,500 metres. An allotment of Rs.11.70 crore has been made for flood prevention works in Chennai Zone in the wake of the onset of the North East monsoon. Of this, flood prevention works, costing Rs.77.50 lakh have been undertaken in the surplus canals of Red Hills lake and Ambattur lake and in the Thanikachalam City Canal. The works include removal of weeds and water plants for uninterrupted water flow.

In continuation of this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu visited the Chembarambakkam lake in Kancheepuram District, inspected the water storage, water holding strength and the on-going repair works in the 5 and 19 lock sluices, undertaken at a cost of Rs.2.24 crore. He advised the officials to complete the works speedily and supervise the bunds in view of the onset of the North East monsoon. He also directed the officials to take steps for the removal of all types of wastes in important reservoirs like Chembarambakkam, Red Hills and Poondi lakes.



Chembarambakkam lake is an important water resource for Chennai City. This is one of the biggest lakes in the State. This lake was dug during Pallava times. It receives its supplies through the Chaudhari canal from the Sriperumbudur lake, the last one to get water from the Palar Anaicut and from the Korattur Anaicut, constructed across the Cooum river. The surplus water from this lake drains into the Adyar and reaches the sea through South Chennai.

The Chembarambakkam lake has been strengthened to receive Krishna water from Poondi reservoir through a canal. This is a second tail-end lake to supply drinking water to Chennai.

Through the combined water supply scheme, the water level of the Chembarambakkam lake was raised by 22 feet to 24 ft. in 1996 and its capacity to 3,645 mcft. from 3,1210 mcft. The present water level is at 20.77 ft; the length of the surplus water canal of this lake is 6,200 metres. Works have been undertaken to clear the Kundrathur, Kovur, Thanthi and Natham canals of water plants and hyacinth at a cost of Rs.37.50 lakh so that the water can smoothly drain into the Adyar river.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu also inspected and reviewed the 530 mld water treatment plant at Chembarambakkam. The plant, set up at a cost of Rs.296 crore to treat the water received under the Krishna Drinking Water Supply Scheme was inaugurated by Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar in 2007. Depending on the water levels of the various lakes that supply drinking water to Chennai and based on the needs of the City, water is pumped from Chembarambakkam lake, treated and supplied as drinking water to Chennai City. ■

Appointment orders handed over to 9 Assistant Professors for four HR and CE colleges

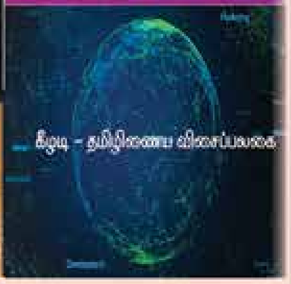
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** presented appointment orders at the Secretariat on 21.10.2021 to the posts of Assistant Professor, librarian and Physical Education Teacher in the newly started Arulmigu Kapaleeswarar Arts and Science College as per university rules to 11 persons, 9 for Assistant Professor posts and one each to the other two posts.

In the demands for grants for the Department of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments for the year 2021-2022, it was announced that 10 arts and science colleges would be started on behalf of the Department. By way of implementing the announcement speedily, the Government issued a G.O. on 06.10.2021 for starting the colleges at 4 places in the first phase, offering B.Com, BBA, BCA, B.Sc. Computer Science courses. The locations chosen for the colleges are Kolathur, Chennai District, Tiruchengode (Namakkal), Thoppampatti (Dindigul) and Vilathikulam (Thoothukudi).

Of these 4 colleges, the one at Kolathur was proposed to be started with funds from Arulmigu Kapaleeswarar temple, Mylapore on an area of 5 acres belonging to Arulmigu Somanatha Swamy temple. As the college is to be started in the current academic year itself, steps were taken to house the college temporarily in the Everwin Matriculation Higher Secondary School in Kolathur and admission forms are being distributed to students.

In continuation of this, an experts committee was set up for direct recruitment to the post of Assistant Professors in the college. The interview of the candidates took place on 18.10.2021 and 9 persons were selected on the basis of qualifications, experience and marks. A librarian and a Physical Education Teacher were also selected.

Hon'ble Chief Minister launches web portal providing status of 200 major infra projects



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, at the Secretariat on 22.10.2021, on behalf of the Information Technology Department, launched e-munnetram (e-progress) and e-IT Nanban (IT friend) web portals, and on behalf of the Tamil Virtual Academy released 2 upgraded Tamil software namely Keezhadi–internet keyboard and Tamizhi-Internet Unicode convertor.

The high-level committee appointed by the State Government, under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, has been monitoring over 200 important infrastructure projects costing over Rs. 1 lakh crore in aggregate. To review the progress of these infrastructure projects, the Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency has developed a separate portal (https://emunnetram.tn.gov.in). This portal provides details about various projects, including contract date, date of beginning of the project, venue of the project, financial position, project development on a monthly basis, financial ceiling of the project, consecutive photographs of project growth etc. The functioning of important Government Departments can also be monitored through this site. The portal has been designed to enable Department Headquarters to report the growth of the projects, crucial issues and reasons for any delay.

Gift for honesty

Chief Secretary Dr. V. Irai Anbu I.A.S., congratulated Tmt. A. Mary, a conservancy worker in the Thiruvottiyur area, for retrieving a gold coin from the garbage and having it restored to its rightful owner. The Chief Secretary honoured Tmt. Mary with a shawl and a statuette of Tiruvalluvar on 23.10.2021.

The annual rate of growth of exports of Information Technology and IT related services of the State is 10 per cent. There is every possibility for increasing the growth rate further. The IT Nanban portal also serves as a forum for information technology industries and helps all technology based groups in the State to work together directly to develop policies and contribute.

The companies which enter the portal can have access to policies of the IT Department, Government orders and Government contracts. They can make comments about important issues and present policies and get proper solutions through e-mails.

The Tamil Virtual Academy has already released two Tamil software (Computer Keyboard and Tamizhi Unicode). Now these software have been upgraded adding additional features and named Keezhadi Keyboard and Tamizhi Unicode Convertor. These two upgraded software have been released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The Tamizhi -Unicode Converter software is capable of converting the fonts typed in Vanavil and in other Tamil fonts such as .doc. docx, .rtf, .xls, .xlsx, .ods, .ppt, .pptx which are in the text, file, and folders into Tamizhi -Unicode.

These two softwares can be downloaded from the site of the Tamil Virtual Academy free of cost (www.tamilvu.org/unicode).

Hon'ble Chief Minister inspects sixth COVID-19 vaccination special camp

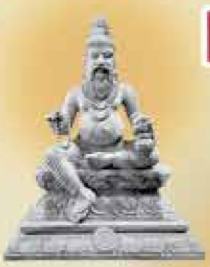
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** reviewed the sixth Intensive COVID-19 Vaccination Special Camp at the Panchayat Union School in Ezhil Nagar, Thoraipakkam in Okkiyam Thoraipakkam and at the Government e-Service Centre in Kannagi Nagar and at the Panchayat Union Primary School on 23.10.2021.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also reviewed the Special Camp at the Urban Primary Health Centre in Kannagi Nagar and went through the medical records.

Tamil Nadu has been conducting these camps to protect the people from COVID-19 infections. So far, 5 intensive COVID Immunization camps have been conducted in the State and 5 crore, 43 lakh, 23,000 and 51 persons have been vaccinated in the State. Now the sixth camp has been held in 50,000 places.

During his review of COVID vaccination camp, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu got into the M-19B T.Nagar-Kannagi Nagar Metro Bus, which was standing at a bus stop and interacted with the women passengers on the Government free bus pass scheme for women.

Hon’ble Chief Minister inaugurates separate Department for Textiles



Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inaugurated at the Secretariat on 23.10.2021, the new Textile Department created out of the Department of Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles and Khadi and released the GI tags issued by the Geographical Indication Registry for Kallakurichi and Arumbavur wood carving products, Karuppur Kalamkari paintings and Thanjavur Netti (pith) works.

GI tag is a sign legally granted to manufacturers of traditional goods exclusive to a particular part/State/ or Country, for usage and marketisation. GI tag protects the quality, good name and identity of that particular product. The tag ensures production and marketing of that product only, thus maintaining the quality, tradition, culture and antiquity. Legally, no person in any other part/State/Country can manufacture the GI tagged products other than the owners of GI tags of those products.

Due to the consistent efforts of the Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd., the GI tags were obtained for these products. These tags will help in the global marketing of the products of artisans of Tamil Nadu.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister introduced through Co-optex, for the Deepavali festival, a collection

of textile goods under the name 'Tamil Loom'. The collection includes 100 new designs in Kancheepuram silk sarees reflecting the culture, tradition of Tamils with modernity and paintings woven by handloom weavers, 25 new designs in Arani silk sarees, 50 in Thirubuvanam silk sarees, 200 in Salem & Coimbatore silk sarees, 75 in Chinnalapatti/ cotton sarees, 40 in Negamam cotton sarees, 80 in Dindigul & Paramakudi cotton sarees, 25 in Linen sarees, 75 in lungis for men, 30 in Bhavani bed-sheets and 50 in Kancheepuram silk skirt (Pavadai) for children and printed silk sarees, digital printed silk sarees, hand-painted silk sarees on the model of Aadhirai Collections, a novel attempt on the part of Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board, and sarees woven out of fine cotton threads. Also introduced were guarantee cards for co-optex zari and new organic clothes, made out of natural cotton threads for new-born babies.

To keep with the times, the Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board is manufacturing soap weighing 125 grams, with rose, lavender, sandal and reddish sandal fragrances and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated their sale through the Board's shops and popular supermarkets. Also inaugurated were the sales schemes of Khadi honey in modern glass bottles instead of the hitherto used pet bottles, with Agmark quality in 250 and 500 grams measurement, palm jaggery in fair price shops under the name 'Karpagam' for improving the livelihood of palm farmers and that of 'Karuppatti' (a variety of palm jaggery) under the name 'Karumpanai' in super markets.

To exploit the great development in information technology in the field of commerce and to help the younger generation purchase the Board's goods through internet, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu introduced a mobile application 'tnkhadi' in android/iOS phones and declared open the training centre for production of palm jaggery and palm-related goods at a place in Sayalkudi in Kadaladi Panchayat Union, Ramanathapuram District, owned by the Ramanathapuram-Sivagangai District Palmgur Marketing Co-operative Federation, at a cost of Rs.53.50 lakh.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu distributed the best weaver award and the best exporter award for the two silk and cotton varieties for the year 2020-2021.

Sacrifice and Valour of Marudhu Brothers hailed

This day marks the day the British hanged the heroic Marudhu Brothers who treated death as tuppence for preserving dignity in war and safeguarding the Country. Let us hail the sacrifice of the Marudhu Brothers who united the Tamil kings to protect the Motherland and were a nightmare to their adversaries and traitors

-Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

Thiru.M.K. Stalin

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** garlanded the statue of Marudhu Brothers at the Madurai Teppakulam on 30.10.2021 and paid respects.

Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development Thiru. KR. Periakaruppan offered his respects to the Kings of Sivagangai at the Mamannar Marudhu Brothers Memorial Mandapam at Thirupattur, Sivagangai District on 24.10.2021.

Hon'ble Chief Minister seeks co-operation of banks in development of the State

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** at the State-level bankers committee meeting on 25.10.2021 *(English Translation)*.

Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration, Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Human Resources Management, Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department Additional Chief Secretary, President of the Indian Overseas Bank, Officers of the Government, Bank Officials – My respects to all of you.

As this is the first meeting after the regime change in the State, I first offer my thanks to you for your services so far to the Tamil Nadu Government and the people of Tamil Nadu.

I hope this meeting will be the beginning of a co-operative relationship between the Government and banks in the development of the State. Banks play an important role in the implementation of the policies and schemes of the Government. Especially in these times of retrieval from corona, your role is very very important.

We are in a crucial period to provide higher quantum of loans to important sectors in the economy, to revive the economy and to reverse the income loss experienced by several families during the pandemic. So, it is important that the Government and banks act jointly. Hence this meeting.

With a GST of about Rs. 20 lakh crore, Tamil Nadu is the second biggest economy at the State level in the Country. Tamil Nadu is implementing many important welfare programmes and development schemes. This has contributed not only to the development of the State and the people but also particularly to the livelihood and lives of the poor and marginalized in society. People, Industries and Government should develop together. That is true development, if any one of them slides down, that is not growth.

The setbacks of the Corona period cannot be listed, the list is so long. But, at the same time it has indirectly done many good things. It has identified who we are. It has proved to ourselves that we are capable of overcoming a global pandemic. We set right the medical infrastructure in a few months. Besides the Medical Department, we converted every other Department into a Medical Department and saved the people in this period of disaster. Imposing lockdown was inevitable. Through this method alone, the chain of Corona infections could be broken. But the livelihoods of the poor, downtrodden and the middle class were affected on account of lockdown. We distributed Rs.4,000 to the people, 14 types of groceries were given and petrol price was reduced by Rs.3 per litre through a cut in the State sales tax. We provided all these amidst financial constraints. The Government's intent to protect people is the only reason behind doing these things. This is the only idea of the DMK Government whether of the past, present and future. I seek the help of banks for this. Banks should work for the uplift of the poor, the downtrodden and the marginalized. The Government and the banks should jointly act to make the Government's many schemes fruitful to people. The Government plans, gives financial assistance to people to some extent and they get additional assistance through the banks. Banks should fulfill people's needs.

Loans are not given free. It cannot be done so. Credit to eligible persons promotes both banks and the people. Extension of this stable mutual friendship will help financial development of the State and the people.

DMK rule spells a golden period for Self Help Groups. The SHG movement was born in Tamil Nadu in 1989-1990. When I was Local Administration Minister, I paid special attention to it. The successive rulers did not maintain it effectively. This scheme is most important for women's upliftment. The SHGs play an important role in the social and economic development of women. This year, a target of Rs.20,000 crore has been fixed for collateral bank loans. Till September 2021, only Rs. 4,951 crore has been issued as credit. I request that the balance amount to be released as credit for reaching this year's target. I also request the banks to give appropriate advice to your field workers for SHGs to obtain the loans.

PM Swanidhi is a special micro credit scheme to enable roadside petty traders affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, to get cheap loans for reviving their livelihoods. I request you to attend with kindness to the demands of the applicants who have applied as per this scheme.

Tamil Nadu's record under the National Urban Livelihood Mission has been excellent for many years. Banks should continue to work with efficiency and ensure availability of credit to all eligible applicants. I wish to remind you that this will enhance their livelihood.

You all know that small, micro and medium enterprises form the basis for Tamil Nadu's development. These enterprises numbering 49.48 lakh provide employment to 96.73 lakh persons.

The Tamil Nadu Government is implementing 3 self employment schemes based on bank credit. In recent years, only 35.67 per cent of the 1,37,429 applications recommended for loan to different banks in the State, have been approved. This number should be increased immediately.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has announced many important decisions this year to encourage small, micro and medium industries. The Government will set up a State-level credit guarantee fund for banks and financial institutions to increase their credit amounts to these industries. In effect, this fund will protect and adopt these small units. The Corona pandemic has greatly affected them. Hence, retrieving them has become the Government's important target. So, I request the banks to support these two schemes wholeheartedly.

Likewise, the Tamil Nadu Government considers education loans to students as important. The Government has ensured quality higher education to students. Funds should not be a hurdle to get that education. So, banks have an important role in taking forward that vision through the issue of education loans. All the banks here should lend education loans to the poor in backward class category in society.

Farmers are the backbone of the State. The Government has a duty to fulfill their needs. Why, the banks too have such a duty. The Government has taken many steps for farmers to get timely loans from co-operative and commercial banks. Likewise, I request all the banks to function in a similar way.

Under the Kisan Credit Card Scheme, 31.09 lakh cards have been distributed. Cards should be distributed quickly to the remaining 7.16 lakh beneficiaries also.

One hundred and four applications from the food processing industries are pending with the banks. I request the bankers to give priority to these applications and issue loans. This will help farmers get a fair price for their produce.

Fishing is one of our traditional occupations. Lakhs of people depend on it. At present, fishing

is becoming modern. Deep-sea fishing boats have to be used. For purchase of these boats, bankers should extend their help to the extent possible.

The Hon'ble Finance Minister tabled the Budget for 2020-2021 on 13.08.2021. At that time, a special working team was set up. Special attention was bestowed on reviewing the Government's bank accounts. All the banks gave us their account details. We will sharpen our attention in future. I request all banks to co-operate.

We have to face the big challenge in the coming days of reviving the economy severely affected by the COVID pandemic and to retrieve development. I request banks to join hands with the Government for improving the living standards and livelihoods of the poor and downtrodden sections of society.

I reiterate once again my hope that this meeting will be the beginning of a co-operative relationship between the Government and banks in the development of the State.

In his concluding speech at the end of the meeting, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said: "I thank you for your remarks that you would lend to the extent possible to all sections of people inclusive of loan to SHGs and education loan to students. What I wish to affectionately request the bank and Government officials is: engage yourself quickly in constructive steps in this regard. I wish to convey that I will attend as Chief Minister the events you organize in every District to distribute loans to SHGs and education loans to students. Once again, I thank you all".

Buildings at a cost of Rs.11.36 crore opened for Social Welfare Department

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** declared open through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 25.10.2021, buildings of the Department of Social Welfare & Women Empowerment, constructed at a total cost of Rs.11.36 crore. These include 5 integrated service centres, a Government hostel for working women at Thanjavur, a multi-purpose hall in the Chennai Government children home complex at Thanjavur and additional buildings for the Government's observation home of the Directorate of Social Defence and to the reception section of the Government's Children Home at Royapuram, Chennai.

Under the Union Government's Nirbhaya Scheme, the Department of Social Welfare and Women's Empowerment is running integrated service centres to provide temporary accommodation to abandoned, sexually harassed women and women affected by child marriage and family atrocities and to provide medical and legal assistance, advice for psychological problems and counselling. One at each District, these centres are functioning under the direct supervision of the District Collector. As medical help is the first requirement for women affected by violence, these centres are set up in the complex of Government Hospital/medical college hospital with the permission of the Department of Health and Family Welfare.

These 5 service centres are located at Karur, Krishnagiri, Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur and Ooty, the Nilgiris District at a total cost of Rs.2.78 crore – the first 4 costing Rs.48 lakh, each and the Ooty centre Rs.86 lakh. The other buildings declared open were the working women's hostel at Nanjikottai in Thanjavur District at a cost of Rs.1.47 crore.

An additional building with all infrastructure facilities, as the second phase for the Observation Home at Kellys, Chennai of the Directorate of Social Defence, constructed on an area of 17,567 sq.ft. and at a cost of Rs.4.53 crore for protection and training of juvenile delinquents.

A second floor for the Directorate of Social Defence office at Kellys at a cost of Rs.1 crore; a first floor to the Reception Section in the Government Children's Home, Royapuram, with a Treatment Room, Counselling Room, Recreation Room, Office Room and a Resting Room at a cost of Rs.1.10 crore and a multi-purpose hall at the Government Children's Home at Thanjavur at a cost of Rs.48.40 lakh.

Own buildings for Treasury offices in 3 Districts

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, declared open from the Secretariat through video conferencing, District Treasury Office buildings of 3 Districts, one each at Tirunelveli, Kancheepuram and Dindigul and 4 Sub-Treasury office buildings, one each at Manachanallur, Poonamallee, Mayiladuthurai and Tindivanam, all built at a cost of Rs. 15.11 crore on 25.10.2021.

Own buildings are being constructed for District Treasury and Sub-Treasury Offices in the State, for better management and to reduce the rent burden on the Government. Own buildings also help implement e-Governance programmes, protect higher denomination stamp papers and provide better facilities to pensioners. Money transactions between the employees and the public and pensioners will also be quicker.

In this connection, the following buildings were declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K.Stalin:

In Tirunelveli District, at a cost of Rs. 3.52 crore on 21,400 sq.ft, on 21,658 sq.ft at a cost of Rs. 4.96 crore in Kancheepuram and at a cost of Rs. 2.76 crore on 10,671 sq.ft area in Dindigul, District Treasury Office Buildings;

In Tiruchirappalli District at Manachanallur, sub-treasury office building on a 2,679 sq.ft area, at a cost of Rs.1.02 crore, in Tiruvallur District at Poonamallee, on a 3,591 sq.ft area at a cost of Rs.85.89 lakh, at Mayiladuthurai at a cost of Rs.99.10 lakh on a 3,068 sq.ft area and at Tindivanam in Villupuram District at a cost of Rs. 99.75 lakh on a 3,270 sq.ft.

Hon'ble Chief Minister seeks advice of economic advisory council on encouraging investments

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** at the second meeting with the Economic Advisory Council on 25.10.2021 *(English Translation).*

Prof. Raghuram Rajan, Prof. Esther Duflo, Prof. Jean Dreze, Dr. Arvind Subramanian, Dr. S. Narayan, Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Human Resources Management, Chief Secretary to Government – My regards to all of you.

I convey my respects to you for your affection towards the Government of Tamil Nadu and the people of Tamil Nadu. I thank all the members of the Economic Advisory Council for allotting their time for the second meeting of the Council.

The first meeting was held on July 9 last when you put forth many constructive ideas. All those ideas were in the nature of encouraging and guiding us. Many of your recommendations were included in the 2021-2022 Budget.

The allocation for the old-age pension scheme has been considerably increased and steps are being taken to extend that scheme. A new scheme 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' has been launched to take medical service to every household to benefit aged persons also. We have removed people's hesitation towards vaccination. Of the eligible people for vaccination, 72 per cent have been administered at least one dose. Compared to the situation that prevailed three months ago, this is a very great progress.

The Department of School Education has framed a scheme, 'Illam Thedi Kalvi', at an estimate of Rs. 200 crore, on the basis of the ideas you had given over the learning loss of school children during this pandemic period and the views received from the general public. In the next six months, this education will be provided to make good the loss, after the school time and outside the school campus with the help of volunteers.

I shall inaugurate this scheme in the regular manner.

Another important maxim you pointed out to be attended to first, was that decisions should be based on data. We have made important announcements in this regard in the Budget. The decision to waive jewel loans can be cited as an instance. In the election manifesto, we had stated that Co-operative bank jewel loans for 5 sovereigns and less would be waived. But we came to know that many irregularities had taken place in this regard in the previous rule. At that time, we made decisions on the basis of data. We decided to carefully identify the eligible persons for getting this benefit and then implement the scheme. This approach reduced by a third the intended allocation for the scheme. The same approach will be adopted in other schemes to be implemented on priority basis. It was Prof. Esther Duflo who gave the important suggestion 'use data to make useful decision'. I welcome this wholeheartedly.

About the 'data-based decision making process', the Government has already issued detailed advisories. This has firmly established departmental sharing of data with the Tamil Nadu e-Governance agency to help, plan and implement the Government's different schemes.

Likewise, we have sought the help of the Reserve Bank for the special scheme to re-schedule the loan arrears of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises by way of helping them.

The purpose of this narration is to assure you that we consider your suggestions and recommendations as very important and implement them to the extent possible. It is only with this feeling that we are listening to your suggestions in today's meeting.

A whole chapter was devoted to 'universal basic income' in the economic survey of 2016-2017 when Dr. Arvind Subramanian was Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of India. I am very eager to know your views about the best ways of implementing such a scheme in Tamil Nadu without affecting the financial position.

We have to plan as per the post Corona situation. My prime anxiety is about retrieving development and investment in Tamil Nadu along with continued protection to marginalized people. I am eager to know your views about this.

I expect a detailed reply to the question about the sectors to which Government of Tamil Nadu should bestow attention to encourage investment.

Your suggestions are also needed on utilizing the exclusive, special strong points of Tamil Nadu. These sectors should be able to provide job opportunities with good income to educated youth in the State.

In the first meeting of the Council itself, I had expressed my anxiety about lessening the loan burden of the State. I request your suggestions on the extent of loan burden that could be borne by the State in the present situation and how to reduce the loan.

Ours is a Government for the people, a Government for the poor and downtrodden. Whatever we do, it should be beneficial to them. You put forth your viewpoints on these matters. I particularly request you to suggest how to better the ways and means through which the scheme benefits reach the targeted beneficiaries.

Hon'ble Chief Minister chairs meeting to discuss preparedness in the face of North East monsoon rains

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin** at a review meeting to discuss the precautionary measures to be taken in the face of the North East monsoon, on 26.10.2021 *(English Translation).*

Hon'ble Revenue Minister, Chief Secretary, Director General of Police and Secretaries of various Departments and the Collectors, Police Commissioners and SPs of various Districts, who are participating in the meeting through video conferencing, I welcome you all.

It would be appropriate to say that Nature itself has called this meeting than saying that it has been convened by the Government.

We have convened here at the invitation of Nature. If we handle Nature properly it is a gift. If not, it becomes a disaster.

If we fail to handle Nature properly, it shows its power. So turning it into a gift or disaster is in our hands.

Nature is unpredictable and erratic. In recent times its behavior is like a puzzle. Officials should realize first that it is difficult to say that this particular period is summer or winter or rainy season.

When Nature's fury is harsh, it is the prime duty of the Government and the officials like you to protect the people. It is appropriate to equip ourselves not only to take precautionary measures but also to face Nature's fury.

The first duty of the Government is to save the lives of the people. To perform the duty properly, we all have assembled here.

I would like to bring to your kind attention that the Indian Meteorological Centre had predicted that the North East monsoon would

set in from today and there would be normal rainfall in Tamil Nadu during the current North East monsoon.

In October itself there was heavy rainfall in 9 Districts, including Kanniyakumari, Nilgiris and Erode. Seventeen other Districts have received heavy rains. So we are in a situation where we must conduct ourselves carefully.

Already in the meeting held on 24.09.2021, we discussed the precautionary measures to be taken in view of the North East monsoon and I have given detailed guidelines to you on that occasion.

In the review meeting which was convened by the Chief Secretary on 11.09.2021, representatives from the three armed services of the Indian Army and from the Union and the State Government participated. At the meeting various precautionary measures were briefly discussed and many decisions were taken. I would like to remind you of the decisions taken at that meeting.

The functioning of the various Government Departments and the people's viewpoints should tally. We should take steps to make people face Nature. You should make the people know of the steps taken by the Government to face the fury of nature. Your actions should resonate with the people. You should publicize the precautionary measures and other guidelines issued by the Meteorological Centre and other Central agencies through social media and print and visual media for the benefit of the people.

You should encourage non-governmental organizations which function efficiently during times of natural disaster.

The State Emergency control room in Chennai and the District emergency control rooms in 38 Districts are functioning round-the-clock with sufficient staff strength. These emergency centres can be contacted through toll free numbers 1070 and 1077. These toll free numbers should be widely publicized for the convenience of the public. Already, people are aware that 100 means police and 108 means emergency ambulance. In the same way, these two toll free numbers should also register in the minds of people.

At this juncture, special attention should be paid to fishermen. Fishermen who have gone for deep sea fishing and the fishermen on the shore should be informed about the weather forecast through modern communication gadgets. During this rainy season, the Fisheries Department should take sufficient steps to be in constant touch with fishermen. The life of each and every fisherman is important to us. This should be borne in mind by all District Collectors and SPs of coastal areas.

You should strictly follow the guidelines and the precautionary measures issued by the Government.

Separate zonal committees should be formed for the affected areas. The situation in slum areas and areas of fisherfolk should be continuously monitored and you should take proper measures. You should continuously monitor whether the de-silted rain water drainages, inflow canals and water-ways are properly maintained.

I hope you know that the Government has appointed Hon'ble Ministers to undertake emergency measures in various Districts.

In all Districts and in 15 zones in Greater Chennai Corporation, monitoring staff have been appointed. These monitoring staff, District Collectors and various departmental staff should inspect all the places which are likely to be affected and take precautionary measures.

You all know that on October 25, I myself inspected various places in Chennai. I visited the Gandhi Mandapam and the adjoining areas and inspected de-silted drains, silt catch pits, cleaning process, free flow of rain and flood water to Velachery tank and Buckingham Canal by removal of hyacinth, removal of residues in Pallikaranai marsh lands, big drainage work in Narayanapuram tank and directed officials to complete the works as early as possible. In a similar manner you should also encourage relief activities.

On October 20, I inspected Chembarambakkam and Puzhal areas and directed the officials to undertake maintenance works.

Due to widespread rains in the State, most of the dams, tanks and water storages have reached their full capacity. So these water bodies should be monitored closely. The safety of the dams should be ensured by letting out the surplus water at regular intervals.

You should de-silt water inflow canals, remove encroachments, recharge the ground-water level and prevent flood related damages.

Dam safety should be ensured, rules for letting out surplus water should be followed meticulously and the same should be informed to the public in advance.

Steps should be taken to ensure adequate stock of essential commodities. Damaged electric posts should be replaced and transformers should be located at higher places. There is the possibility of crops getting damaged due to stagnation of water. So drainages should be cleared and harvested crops should be properly stored.

Due to rains and floods, water-borne diseases may spread. You should take proper steps to prevent such diseases. You should ensure adequate stocks of life-saving drugs, medical gadgets, medicines for snake bites and upgraded medical facilities to meet any situation.

Preference should be given to Differently-Abled people, elders, women and children, while rescuing those affected. District Collectors should ensure that those affected get adequate relief. For these activities all departments should act in a co-ordinated manner. You all know that only co-ordinated work by various Departments will prevent heavy damages.

I conclude my speech by appealing to you to take the pledge for unity among us so that we triumph over nature's fury.

Hon'ble Chief Minister hails 'Illam Thedi Kalvi' scheme as a game changer

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin,** inaugurated the scheme 'Illam Thedi Kalvi' at Mudaliarkuppam in Villupuram District on 27.10.2021.

Under the 'Illam Thedi Kalvi' scheme, it has been planned to make students participate gradually in learning activities through volunteers for six hours in a week for six months in this academic year.

The scheme will be implemented as a pilot project in the selected 12 Districts (Villupuram, Cuddalore, Tiruchirappalli, Thanjavur, Nagapattinam, Madurai, Dindigul, Erode, Kancheepuram, Kanniyakumari, Krishnagiri and the Nilgiris) for two weeks. Based on the best learning results obtained from the pilot project, registered volunteers will be selected by the School Development Committee at the village level. After getting trained, the volunteers will be absorbed in the 'Illam Thedi Kalvi' scheme. After November 15, this scheme will get going gradually and consecutively in all Districts.

To popularize this scheme, it is proposed to conduct several intensive awareness camps with the help of groups of artistes.

As a part of the awareness programme, Hon'ble Chief Minister flagged off a student's cycle rally and released a handbook on the scheme, a song on the central idea of the scheme and a video. He inaugurated an App for volunteers and visited the training classes, observed the teaching to students and interacted with students giving them sweets and educational aids.

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin,** after inaugurating the scheme 'Illam Thedi Kalvi'

Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education Dr. Ponmudi, Hon'ble Minister for Minorities Welfare & Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Gingee Masthan, Hon'ble Minister for School Education Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, Principal Secretary to the Department of School Education Tmt.Kakarla Usha, District Collector Thiru. Mohan who is happy after welcoming the audience to this excellent inaugural event of the scheme 'Illam Thedi Kalvi', Member of Parliament, beloved brother Thiru. Ravikumar, Members of the Legislature Thiru. Lakshmanan, Thiru. Pugazhendhi and Thiru. Sivakumar, Chairman of the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation Respected Thiru. Leoni, Officers and staff of the Department of School Education, beloved teachers, affectionate students, volunteers, personnel in charge of NGOs, dear Friends of TV, Newspaper and Media – My affectionate regards to all of you.

I wish to convey my hearty approbation, greetings and gratitude to the Minister for School Education and to the higher officers of the Education Department for creating an excellent scheme and bringing it into operation today.

Paavendar Bharathidasan sang: 'Kalviyin mikkadhaam selvam ondru illaiye; kanmani keladaa nee endran sollaiye! selvam pirakkum; naam thandhidil theernthidum! kalvi tharunthorum miga chernthidum!' ('Listen to my words, my dear boy! There is no greater wealth than knowledge; wealth will come but will get exhausted if we give it away while knowledge will expand every time you share it').

The Department of School Education's action today matches this song. Truly, I am very happy today. I am always happy, but now I am very happy. There is an additional reason for that. The late Anbil Poyyamozhi was my thick friend. He stood by me in the ups and downs of my life as a sibling, why, even as an aide. I am proud, remembering him in this event because I am experiencing the same happiness as he would have, had he seen his son's performance as a Minister of the Education Department.

'Illam Thedi Kalvi' is not an ordinary scheme. It cannot be bracketed with other

schemes. It is this scheme that is going to light up the lives of lakhs of students, boys and girls. Through this, the light of knowledge is going to spread for a hundred years. A foundation has been laid in this place for an educational revolution, an educational renaissance. All great events originated on a small scale like this. It was the infant Dravidian movement that spread education, denied for hundreds of years, through the pyol schools. Some buffoons and ignoramuses are asking what is 'Dravidam' (Dravidianism). This is the policy of Dravidianism. Don't forget.

After the advent of the Justice Party, the scheme to provide food to students in corporation schools in the Chennai presidency was implemented. Following that, this scheme was broad-based and improved by Perunthalaivar Kamarajar, the late respected M.G.R. and our Muthamizh Arignar Thalaivar Kalaignar.

This 'Illam Thedi Kalvi' scheme is one such scheme that is going to be hailed.

Though all sections of people have been affected by the Corona pandemic, the most affected are our students. The pandemic period has prevented them from going to school to learn and confined them to their homes. Remaining at home without using the spacious school complexes has affected them emotionally. That has reduced, it can be stated, their eagerness to learn, their studying pattern and education.

The officials of the School Education Department thought of ways to set things right. They hit upon this 'Illam Thedi Kalvi' scheme to provide extra learning time as at school, to students who go to school.

The exclusive place of study will be selected near your house. Every day teachers will come and teach you one or two hours in the evening as per convenience/situation. It will be supervised by headmasters and the scheme is to be launched with the co-operation of volunteers.

This scheme is an extension of teaching duty beyond the school. Necessity is the mother of invention. This scheme is one such, born out of the Corona crisis.

We announced relaxations as the pandemic abated. The first among them is the opening of educational institutions. Colleges are the first ones, followed by school classes 9, 10, 11 and 12 and from November 1, classes 1 to 8 are going to be open.

Though schools could not function during the lockdown period, we conducted online classes. But, it is a fact that online classes cannot provide the benefit of direct teaching. That is why a gap occurred in learning. Neither students nor schools and teachers are responsible for this. The situation caused by Corona is the reason. Let bygones be bygones, let what happens henceforth be for the good. We have to achieve this.

I request teachers to be cordial towards students coming back to school. Along with teaching, teachers should treat students politely. Your kindness should make them forget the past bitterness. Likewise, students should show

greater interest in studies, their attention must not deviate. Students should put in greater efforts to compensate for the loss of time due to Corona.

Students cannot be brought back to their old-selves during the school hours alone. So, we are going to train students for a few hours after school. Volunteers of NGOs have come forward to work for this, along with teachers. I am duty-bound to wholeheartedly bless the volunteers and the NGOs, as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, I wish to thank them also.

This unique scheme is a great attempt to extend the classroom beyond the school. This scheme is going to be a model to other States.

Tamil Nadu is a State with excellent educational officials. Our educational sector has a strong framework. Education officials at the primary, District and regional levels are capable of working tirelessly with deep involvement.

Parents, teachers, officials and the educated youth are all broad-minded. So you should all come together and act in a co-ordinated manner for this scheme. This scheme is going to change the evening hours into a school. This will greatly help students who have been deprived of an ambience in their homes conducive to studies. I request teachers to perform their service wholeheartedly.

This Government is duty bound to welcome retired teachers if they wish to share their knowledge and experience. I welcome all the volunteers. Educated youth can make their leisure time useful one participating in this.

Thiruvalluvar describes education as lasting wealth, he says no one can destroy it; and moreover when this wealth is used it multiplies more and more! All children should get such a wealth, which is education. Hence the DMK Government has made educational development from schools to Universities a very important aim.

Our students should grow by imbibing the principles of social justice, self-respect, humanism and equality. One of the basic tenets of the Dravidian Movement is ‘Education to all, jobs to all’. To realize these aims, this movement has conducted great revolutions.

There was a time when education was only for some selected people. Our Dravidian movement changed it. I have already stated that this regime is not that of a political party but that of a race. A great principle ‘Federalism at the Centre, Autonomy in the State’, underlines our movement. Hence this rule can majestically say it is defining the science of administration. This Government can take up and establish the principles of State autonomy, secularism, social harmony and equality, not only in politics but also in administration. For the victory of these principles, this regime has the capacity to strive hard at any point of time. This is a regime that wants these codes to glitter in social, economic and educational schemes. Only on this basis, we are proceeding with schemes like this. No one needs to entertain any doubt on this.

If all sections of people have progressed and occupied seats of power today, it is due to the seeds sown by leaders Thanthai Periyar, Perarignar Anna and Thalaivar Kalaignar who led the Dravidian movement strongly and aroused the knowledge and self-respect of this race.

The DMK regime is functioning as one that makes the Country progress towards the goal

of ‘all things for all people’. It is implementing many schemes for the upliftment of the poor, downtrodden and marginalized sections of society and for the development of SC, ST, BC and MBC people.

Whether it is higher education or school education, we function with the objective of providing education -excellent education- to all. Through this scheme of the Department of School Education, which is hailed by the world, Tamil Nadu can be turned into a ‘highly educated Tamil Nadu’ soon. The gap between school and home will decrease. Homes will become schools. Students, You should consider school as home and benefit.

We have not forgotten the Kural, ‘Karka kasadara karpavai katrapin nirka adharkku thaga’ (Whatever you study, do it thoroughly; then practice it in life). We have etched it in our minds. I have mentioned this in many events. Many institutions and newspapers have made a comparative study of States in India and put M.K. Stalin as No.1 Chief Minister in their evaluation. The ranking goes on as second, third and fourth. As for me, more than my ranking, Tamil Nadu should come as No.1. For that you should extend your support. With this affectionate request, I take leave of you.

Surprise visit to school

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin,** on his way to Mudaliarkuppam in Villupuram District to inaugurate the ‘Illam Thedi Kalvi’ scheme on 27.10.2021, made a surprise visit to P.Krishna Government Higher Secondary School in Kadapakkam in Chengalpattu District.

At the school, the Hon’ble Chief Minister visited the classrooms and interacted with the teachers and students. Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin advised the students to concentrate on their studies and appealed to teachers and students to adopt the anti-Corona measures strictly without fail.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister then inspected all classrooms, laboratory, and kitchen in the school. He also checked whether the noon meal for the students is prepared as per the daily standard menu list.

'Illam Thedi Kalvi scheme will offset educational loss suffered by students'

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** on 28.10.2021 *(English Translation)*.

We have been recovering from the dreaded Corona gradually. The most affected due to this Corona pandemic have been school children. On the recommendation of educationists, UNESCO and other international organizations, the 'Illam Thedi Kalvi Thittam' is being implemented throughout the State with 100 per cent State funds.

The scheme that has been undertaken when no other State has made any effort to offset the loss of education suffered by students, has been well received by students, teachers and educationists. It has been designed to compensate for the loss of learning by students and it has been a frontline scheme which is easily accessible to students and parents. It is implemented with the co-operation of volunteers who are interested in improving the education of students. So far, 67,961 women, 18,557 men and 32 transgenders, totalling 86,550, have registered for the scheme.

The educational qualification, domicile and the experience of the registered candidates are assessed and they are selected by the respective school development councils. The council consists of the respective school headmasters, teachers, parents and representatives from local panchayats. Special training will be given to these volunteers.

The scheme has been developed to supplement the efforts of teachers, taking into consideration the future of the students and to compensate for their loss of education due to the 19-month-long Corona period. But there are other opinions about the scheme and these have also been taken into consideration by the Government. The selection of volunteers, their participation and their impact on students will be constantly monitored by a committee consisting of educationists. Only the volunteers who follow the Government guidelines will be allowed to continue.

Not only this. The scheme will try to meet directly all those who are eligible to attend schools and make them attend school. The scheme is to be implemented with the target of enrolling about 1 lakh school students in Government schools during the current academic year.

The State Government has already made it clear that it is firm in not implementing the Union Government's new education policy. The Government will soon form a committee of educationists to suggest a State-based education policy.

Taking into consideration the educational welfare of the students, these volunteers will serve as a link between students, teachers and society. All people in society should support the scheme, taking into consideration its good intention.

Buildings in many Districts for higher education at a cost of Rs. 102.95 crore

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin**, declared open through video conferencing, on behalf of the Higher Education Department, classrooms, laboratories, multi-purpose buildings, meeting halls, group toilets, hostel buildings, employees room and skill centres for various Government Arts and Science Colleges, Government Technical Colleges, Universities and Science Centres, in various Districts, all constructed at a total cost of Rs. 102.95 crore at the Secretariat on 28.10.2021.

At the Government Arts and Science College, Perumbakkam in Chengalpattu District, 12 additional classrooms, 2 laboratory buildings and other buildings at a cost of Rs. 3.42 crore; 3 additional classrooms at Rajeswari Vedachalam Government Arts College, at a cost of Rs. 55 lakh;

Multi-purpose buildings at a cost of Rs. 90 lakh for the Dr.Ambedkar Government Arts College, Vyasarpadi in Chennai District;

Six additional classrooms, 2 laboratory buildings and 2 group toilets, at a cost of Rs. 1.87 crore for the Dr.M.G.R. Government Arts and Science College, Uthiramerur in Kancheepuram District;

Five additional classrooms and employees room at a cost of Rs. 1 crore for the Government Arts and Science College at Hosur in Krishnagiri District, 5 additional classrooms at a cost of Rs. 1 crore for the Krishnagiri Government Arts College for Women;

Sixteen additional classrooms and toilets, built at a cost of Rs. 2.96 crore, for the Villupuram District Dr.MGR Government Arts and Science College, 8 additional classrooms and 1 Laboratory building for Villupuram Arignar Anna Government Arts College, built at a cost of Rs. 1.90 crore, 6 additional classrooms for A.Govindasamy Government Arts College, Tindivanam, at a cost of Rs. 1.18 crore;

For the Bharat Ratna Puratchi Thalaivar MGR Government Arts and Science College, in Palacode in Dharmapuri District, 12 additional class rooms and 4 laboratory buildings, built at a cost of Rs. 3.82 crore;

Three additional class rooms, at a cost of Rs. 61 lakh for the Arignar Anna Government Arts College, Cheyyaru in Tiruvannamalai District;

Seven classrooms, 1 laboratory and 3 employees rooms, built at a cost of Rs. 1.38 crore, for the Annai Teresa Women's University for Research and Extension Centre in Madurai District, 5 additional rooms, 1 laboratory and hostel building for Sri. Meenakshi Government Arts College for Women, Madurai, at a cost of Rs. 3.96 crore, and a women's hostel at the Anna University Regional Complex at KeezhaKuyilkudi at a cost of Rs.3 crore;

Seven classrooms and a laboratory, at a cost of Rs. 1.76 crore for the M.V.M Government Arts College for women in Dindigul District, 9 additional classrooms and laboratory at a cost of Rs. 1.56 crore for the Government Arts College for Women in Nilakottai;

Seven additional classrooms for the Veerapandi Government College for Arts and Science, Theni District at a cost of Rs. 86.50 lakh;

Nine additional classrooms, 1 laboratory and 3 group toilets for the Government Arts and Science College, Sivakasi in Virudhunagar District at a cost of Rs.2.19 crore;

Six additional classrooms and employees room at a cost of Rs.1 crore for the Alagappa Government Arts and Science College, Karaikudi in Sivagangai District.

Six additional classrooms and 2 group toilets for the Government Arts and Science College, Mettupalayam in Coimbatore District at a cost of Rs.1.70 crore, for the Government Arts and Science College, Thondamuthur in Coimbatore District, educational and administrative buildings at a cost of Rs.7.97 crore, a skill development centre to improve the skills of students at the Zonal Science Centre on the Codissia Road in Coimbatore at a cost of Rs. 1.80 crore; At the Anna Science Centre complex in Tiruchirappalli District, situated on the Tiruchirappalli-Pudukkottai Highways, upgraded technical gadgets with laboratory facilities, at a cost of Rs. 1.50 crore;

For the Palladam Government Arts and Science College in Tiruppur District, 9 additional classrooms, 2 laboratories and 4 toilets, at a cost of Rs.2.55 crore, 7 additional classrooms, and employees rooms at a cost of Rs.1.35 crore for the Chikkanna Government Arts College and 4 additional classrooms and employees room for the L.R.G Government Arts College for women at a cost of Rs. 70 lakh;

For the Government Arts and Science college, Edappadi in Salem District, 15 additional classrooms, 3 laboratories and other buildings at a cost of Rs.5.21 crore;

For Government Arts and Science College, Gudalur, Nilgiris District, 20 classrooms, at a cost of Rs.5 crore;

Ten classrooms and 3 laboratories for the Government Arts and Science College, Veppanthattai, Perambalur District, at a cost of Rs. 2.74 crore;

Five class rooms, built at a cost of Rs. 70 lakh for Government Arts College, Thiru. Kolanjiappar Government Arts College, Cuddalore District, for the Government multi Polytechnic College at Kooduveli, educational buildings and administrative buildings at a cost of Rs. 23 crore.

For the Government Arts College for Women in Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District. 3 additional classrooms and one laboratory and 7 additional classrooms for the Kumbakonam Government Arts College 7 additional classrooms, at a cost of Rs.1. 50 crore;

13 additional classrooms, 1 laboratory and 4 toilets for the Government Arts and Science College, Nagercoil in Kanniyakumari District, at a cost of Rs.2.68 crore.

For the Rani Anna Government College for women, Tirunelveli District, 5 classrooms, toilets and women's hostel, at a cost of Rs.3.57 crore 12 additional classrooms, one laboratory and other buildings for Rs.3.20 crore for the Govindaperi Government Arts and Science College, Tirunelveli and

Six additional classrooms, two laboratories and other buildings for the Kamarajar Government Arts College, Tenkasi District, at a cost of Rs. 1.93 crore.

Buildings and other constructions, totalling Rs.102.95 crore were declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, on behalf of the Higher Education Department.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inspects various scheme works for a smarter Madurai

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inspected and reviewed a slew of scheme works at Madurai on 29.10.2021. They included construction of a grade separator on Thondi road, converting the causeways across Vaigai river at Obula Padithurai and Kurivikaran road into high-level bridges and developing Vaigai river banks.

The grade separator is constructed at a cost of Rs.53.12 crore at the junction of Thondi road and Madurai inner ring road. Running to a total length of 760 metres, it is constructed as two bridges with a breadth of 22 metres, suitable for 4-lane traffic. Of the total 28 spans, 26 have been completed. Work on the approach road on Tiruchirappalli side has been completed and that on the Thoothukudi side is still on. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has instructed completion of all bridge works by this year's end.

Work on conversion of the causeway across the river at Kurivikaran road into a high-level bridge has been taken up at a cost of Rs.23.17 crore. The bridge is 200 metres long and 17.70 metres wide. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu directed quick completion of the work.

Construction of a high-level bridge at Obula Padithurai at an estimate of Rs.23 crore is to avert traffic congestion in Madurai City and the hurdles created by the large number of mofussil buses plying through the central part of Madurai

City. The high-level bridge is 223 metres long with a width of 17.50 metres. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu directed the officials to complete the works by August next year.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inspected the upgrading works of Vaigai river banks, executed at a cost of Rs.84.12 crore under the Smart Cities Mission. He planted a sapling at the upcoming park there.

It is proposed to remove the encroachments on either side of the river bank from Raja Mill Salai to Kuruvikaran Salai and lay a beautiful footpath and road, set up parks at two places, toilet and decorative lights. Also, Kalpalam will be developed and artistically painted to suggest Sangam Tamil poetry; a walkers path and a bicycle lane are also proposed from Kalpalam to Obulapalam. Construction of a 5.80 km-long retaining wall along the river bank has been completed and road-laying works are on. The Hon'ble Chief Minister instructed officials to complete all these works by January 2022 for people's use.

One of the announcements made by the Government of Tamil Nadu in connection with the 97th birth anniversary of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar was the setting up of a Kalaignar Memorial Library with modern facilities at Madurai at a cost of Rs.70 crore. The Hon'ble Chief Minister visited the site of the library to come up on a carpet area of 2,22,815 sq.ft. in 2.61 acres of land belonging to the PWD on the New Natham Road, Madurai and reviewed it.

A towering leader of great ideals and deeds

"Everything that I speak, write, think and do is for the Country; not for myself". These words of Pasumpon Thevar Thirumaganar embody his very life. He was a leader who dedicated himself totally to the Nation.

Against caste discrimination, he thundered: "Character alone should be the criterion to judge a man as high or low; not caste. As such, he is a leader of all sections of people."

A great man of religious harmony, he said: "A ripe man will see the light from a Hindu temple lamp, a candle in church and the glow of the incense sticks in a mosque as the lamp of wisdom to be kindled to remove the darkness in his mind."

As a philosopher, he said: "Be mindful of your thoughts while alone; be careful of your words when you are with people!"

As a political genius, he defined administration thus to rulers: "Courage and valour to face an elephant when the situation warrants; at the same time, tolerance and absence of anger when an ant bites."

He hailed the glory of Tamil all over India.

The true tribute to Pasumpon U.Muthuramalinga Thevar is to follow these great principles that he espoused.

May his fame thrive! May his thoughts triumph!

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M.K. Stalin

"Patriotism and Spirituality are my two eyes"

The great freedom fighter Thevar Thirumaganar who boldly declared

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** paid floral tributes to Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar at his memorial in Ramanathapuram District on 30.10.2021.

October 30

114th Birth anniversary of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** paid his respects to the statue of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar at Goripalayam, Madurai.

Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources, Hon'ble Minister for Law, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Industries, Hon'ble Minister for Medical and Family Welfare and Hon'ble Minister for HR & CE paid their respects to the statue of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar at Nandanam, Chennai.

Hon'ble Minister for Information & Publicity and Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare paid their respects to the portrait of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar at Aarathozhuvu Panchayat office, Tiruppur.

"Man has two hands, one to be used for eating and the other to wash the body clean. But while worshipping God we bring together the two palms equally without showing any discrimination. Likewise, equality should prevail in society without caste discrimination."

-Deiva Thirumaganar

Hon'ble Chief Minister inspects Keezhadi excavation, sees exhibited artifacts

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inspected and reviewed the excavation works being carried out at the archaeological site, extending to 110 acres in Pallichanthai Thidal, Keezhadi, Thiruppuvanam Taluk, Sivagangai District on 29.10.2021.

The Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K. Stalin has announced and is implementing many excellent schemes to acquaint the world about the great civilization and culture of the Tamils and about the classic Tamil language. The schemes include collection of evidence about the seminal culture of the ancient Tamils, their technological skills such as maritime commerce, water management, metallurgy, rare bead works and pearl fishing, all at an allocation of Rs.5 crore; setting up of a museum with modern facilities at a cost of Rs.15 crore in Tirunelveli city to exhibit beautifully the rare objects obtained in the excavations conducted at Adichanallur, Sivakalai and Korkai areas and undertaking research work in search of the roots of Tamil culture by the Tamil Nadu Archaeology Department all over the Indian sub-continent and abroad where ancient Tamils had left their victorious footprints.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, as leader of the opposition in 2019, visited Keezhadi that had drawn the attention of the world through its abundant exposure of the cultural identity of Tamils, saw the excavated brick constructions, black and red potsherds, rare stone beads, gold jewellery, bones of a bull with the hump as found in Indus valley civilization, play articles and work areas and was proud at the way Sangam Age Tamils lived as a prosperous society.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister went through the presentation about the Keezhadi excavations on 29.10.2021. The present 7th level excavation was started in February and is going on at Keezhadi and in the surrounding places of Konthagai, Agaram and Manalur.

Following this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister visited the exhibition hall set up to exhibit the important antiques out of the 11,470 articles excavated by the Tamil Nadu Archaeology Department at Keezhadi. Later, he visited the 8 excavation pits set up at present and got briefed by the Department officials about the works to be taken up there. He also learnt from officials about the construction works at the new site museum being set up to global standards at an estimate of Rs.12.21 crore at Konthagai Village in Sivagangai District to exhibit Keezhadi artifacts. ■

Tamil Nadu in the Freedom Struggle

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Hon’ble Chief Minister inaugurates photo exhibition highlighting role of Tamils in freedom struggle

In continuation of the 75th Independence Day celebrations, the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inaugurated on 01.11.2021 a massive photo exhibition - ‘Viduthalai Poril Thamizhagam’ – set up by the Department of Information and Public Relations at the Koyambedu Mofussil Bus Terminus with the objective of remembering and honouring the brave ‘Thiyagigal’ who laid down their lives and underwent untold sufferings in the cause of India.

The Tamil Nadu Government celebrated in an excellent way the 75th anniversary of the Independence Day with the Chief Minister’s first hoisting of the National Flag in the ramparts of Fort St. George since assuming office. On the same day, he also declared open the majestic 75th Independence Day Memorial Pillar on Kamarajar Salai, Chennai.

The Government headed by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin is taking many steps to honour the leaders who underwent great sufferings for the freedom of the Country, particularly the sacrifices of leaders from Tamil Nadu, for the future generation to understand and benefit from.

The massive photo exhibition at Koyambedu bus stand is one such activity.

The exhibition features statues of Annal Gandhi Adigal, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Mahakavi Bharathiyar, 'Kappalottiya Thamizhan' V.O. Chidambaranar and Veera Mangai Velu Nachiyar. Annal Gandhi Adigal who loved Tamils, Thamizhagam and the Tamil language visited the State about 20 times. History lauds Tamil Nadu as an important arena for Annal Gandhi Adigal to frame strategies against the imperialists. Rare photos that capture many historic events, array of images about various turns in India's freedom struggle, particularly the Salt Satyagraha, women's role in the freedom struggle and photos of 'Thiyagigal' who went into oblivion though they participated in the freedom fight and many other photos are exhibited.

Apart from these, photos of memorials and the biographies of leaders, maintained by the Department of Information and Public Relations, rare photos of 'Thiyagigal' published by 'The Hindu' newspaper during the freedom fight, old coins embossed with the figures of freedom fighters, postal stamps and certificates also find a place in the exhibition.

Besides the Press Information Bureau's book stall, Roja Muthaiah Research Library and Parisal book stall, there is the display of wonderful old mud dolls about the freedom struggle, oleographic pictures, wooden 'charka' by Dakshinachitra team and photos of documents drawing the attention of visitors and obtained from the Tamil Nadu Governments Archives like Bannerman's report to the East India Company about the execution of Kattabomman, court proceedings that led to the execution of Marudhu Pandiyars, court case about Robert Ashe, damaging the Neil statue, V.O.C. case (Tirunelveli conspiracy case), basements of Gingee and other forts and the Vellore Sepoy Mutiny.

After public representations for the extension of the pictorial exhibition titled ‘Viduthalai Poril Tamilagam’ (Contribution of Tamil Nadu to the freedom struggle). inaugurated by Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru M. K. Stalin** on November 1 at the Koyambedu Mofussil Bus Terminus on behalf of the Information and Public Relations Department, the Hon’ble Chief Minister has ordered the extension of the exhibition featuring the sacrifices of leaders from Tamil Nadu in the fight for Independence till November 14.

Thousands of people, including students have visited the exhibition and benefited from it.

Isaivani of Tirupattur says the exhibition, organized by the Information Department, is very good. In the exhibition, the sacrifices made by leaders belonging to Tamil Nadu have been showcased. School and college students should know the history of these leaders. I thank the Hon’ble Chief Minister for organizing the exhibition, which is educative and useful.

Rajalakshmi of Perambur: “Rare photos of leaders who participated in the freedom struggle have been exhibited in the show. This exhibition reminds us of the struggles of the leaders for the freedom of the Country and their sacrifices. It will be useful to the younger generation. My sincere appreciation to the Tamil Nadu Government for organizing the exhibition”.

Kousalya of Tiruchi: “This exhibition was useful to people of all ages. I came to know about all the leaders who participated in the freedom struggle. I thank the Hon’ble Chief Minister and the Information and Public Relations *Department for organizing the exhibition for the benefit of the people”.*

Manikandan says the exhibition attracts both the young and the old. “I wish the Tamil Nadu Government organizes similar exhibitions in the future also. I thank and congratulate the State Government for the useful exhibition”.

Sivasailam of Sholingar said that through the exhibition, he was able to recollect the sacrifices made by leaders from Tamil Nadu. “The exhibition enables people to know the history of the freedom fighters. It is the duty of every citizen to bow to the sacrifices of the past leaders. The exhibition has been organized so as to inspire us in this manner”.

Yuvaraj of Kancheepuram says that the photos and the history of Gandhiji and Nehru presented in the exhibition were excellent and thought provoking. “I congratulate the Tamil Nadu Government for organizing the exhibition”.

Glorious struggles in Thamizhagam against foreign oppression

1751 - When Robert Clive of East India Company laid siege to the Arcot fort between September 23 and November 14 of 1751, Chanda Sahib was engaged in the siege of Tiruchi with the French army. When the Nawab of Arcot was out of town, his small army and some soldiers of the French East India Company stayed in Arcot on behalf of Chanda Sahib to protect the fort. Through the 2nd Karnatic battle that broke out then, the East India Company established itself in India.

1755 - Poolithevan was the first great hero who sowed the seed for freedom by driving out Col. Heron and his army when he laid siege to Nelkattumseval fort in Tirunelveli and collected tax. Poolithevan fought against the British 17 times between 1750 and 1767.

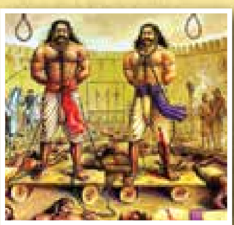
1759 - Veeran Azhagu Muthu Kone blocked the paying of tribute to the British. His soldiers were chained and taken to Nadukattoor. They refused to seek pardon though told that it would spare them from execution. Muthukone and six of his chieftains were shot dead by cannon fire.

1764 - The British and the Arcot Nawabs utilized Mohammed Yusuf Khan alias Marudhanayakam to fight their enemies, the Polygars of Tamil Nadu. Though he was given power to rule Madurai later, he turned against the East India company rulers in his last days. He was hanged by the British at Sammattipuram area in Madurai on October 15, 1764.

1792 - Through an agreement, the East India Company wrested power from the Nawab of Arcot.

1795 - Rebel Muthuramalinga Sethupathy, the king of Ramanathapuram refused to toe the British line and was arrested on February 8, 1795. He remained in prison for 14 years and died in the prison at Fort St.George on 23.01.1809.

1799 - Panchalankurichi ruler Veerapandia Kattabomman who fought the British from 1792 to 1798 refusing to pay tax was arrested and sent to gallows at Kayathar. In 1974, Hailing the sacrifice of Kattabomman, the then Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Kalaignar raised a model fort at Panchalankurichi.



1801 - Among the South Indian Freedom fighters, Marudhu Pandiyargal, Kings of Sivaganga were the first ones to mobilize people against the British. The famous Jambutheevu proclamation of Marudhu Brothers was made from Tiruchi Fort in 1801. They were hanged by the British at the Tirupathur Fort near Ramanathapuram on October 24, 1801. In the same year, Kattabomman's brothers Oomaithurai and Sevathaiah were apprehended and beheaded by the British on November 16, 1801.

1805 - Dheeran Chinnamalai who led the Kovai Revolution was hanged by the British on the top of the Sankagiri fort on July 31, 1805.

1806 - Tamil Nadu soldiers were the first to stage a mutiny against foreign oppression in the 19th century; the Indian soldiers who were kept in the Vellore Fort rebelled and killed the British officers and soldiers on July 10, 1806. This rebellion was the rehearsal for the 1857 uprising.

1852 - Madras Native Association was formed with the purpose of highlighting the needs of the public rather than the desires of groups. One of the earliest such associations, It was founded by Gajulu Lakshminarasu, Srinivasanar and their supporters in 1852.

1878 - 'The Hindu' India's national daily was started by six young men including Subramania Iyer and Mudumbai Veeraraghavachariar. The first Tamil novel – Prathapa G. Mudaliar Sarithiram – was written by Vedanayagam Pillai. Dialogues opposing the hegemony of the English language found a place in this novel.

1882 - The first Tamil political daily – Swadesamitran was launched by G.Subramania Iyer.

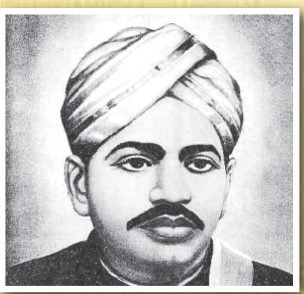
1884 - Madras Mahajana Sabha was one of the oldest institutions in South India started with clear-cut national ideals on May 16, 1884. It was set up by M. Veeraraghavachariar, P. Anandacharlu, P Rangaiah with the last mentioned being the first President of the Sabha.

1885 - The first meeting of the Indian National Congress took place in Bombay on December 26, 1885. G. Subramania Iyer participated as the representative of the Chennai Presidency.

1887 - Rao Sahib Thanjai Mookan Asari delivered the speech in Tamil at the 3rd Congress conference.

1896 - The first visit of Gandhi Adigal to Thamizhagam on October 14.

1898 - Not merely rulers and subjects, but even Tamil literary works thundered against the British. 'Vannasarabam' Dhandapani Swamigal who wrote 'Aangileya Andhadhi' against the British, passed away.



1906 - V.O.C. and Mahakavi Bharathi jointly started the Chennai Jana Sangam in Chennai. On October 16, 1906 V.O.C's Swadeshi shipping company was registered as per rules.

The India newspaper was started by the Mandayam family in 1906. Mahakavi Bharathiar was its Editor.

1908 - Thoothukudi Conspiracy Case. Following the arrest of V.O.C. and Siva on March 13, 1908, a rebellion broke out in Nellai, resulting in the sentencing V.O.C. to double life imprisonment and 10 years rigorous imprisonment to Siva by the British on 07.07.1908.

1911 - Assassination of Ashe by Vanchinathan (Tirunelveli conspiracy case) – Neelakanta Brahmachari and a few others formed an underground organization with the name Bharata Matha Sangam. The purpose of this organization was to kindle patriotism among people by killing British officers. Vanchinathan of Sengottai was drawn by this organization. He shot dead the Tirunelveli District Collector Robert Ashe at Maniyachi Railway Junction on June 17, 1911.

1915 - The Provisional Government of India in exile was set up in the Afghan capital of Kabul on December 1, 1915. The brain behind this move was the foreign minister of the provisional government in exile and the Nanjil Tamil Shenbagaraman.

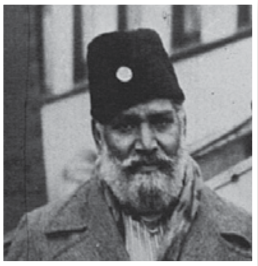
1916 - Home Rule League, a new organisation rose on the Indian political horizon in 1916. It advocated self-rule. It was started by Annie Besant and the place was Tamil Nadu. The Home Rule Movement was started in Chennai.

1919 - Gandhi Adigal spoke at a Marina meeting on March 18. On April 6, 1919, a hartal was observed by way of opposing the Rowlatt Act. At many places, agitations were held in Tamil Nadu.

1920 - Khilafat Day was observed on April 17, 1920, with a meeting on Marina beach presided over by Maulana Shaukat Ali.

The Communist Party of India was launched at Tashkent under the leadership of M.N. Roy. M.P.T. Acharya of Tamil Nadu was one of the founders of the party.

The Tamil who presided over the Indian National Congress Conference at Nagpur was C.Vijayaraghavachariar.



1922 - Protesting against the visit of the Prince of Wales, Periyar conducted a hartal in Erode.

1924 -1925 - Periyar E.V.R. successfully led the Vaikom Satyagraha.

1927 - Neil Statue Satyagraha – James Neil was a soldier in the Madras Regiment. Many British women and children were killed in an event that came to be called the Kanpur Massacre during the 1857 revolt. By way of revenge, Neil acted very brutally. Later, he was killed by an Indian. The British erected a statue for him in Chennai on Mount Road. Nationalists considered it as an insult to their sentiments and staged agitations continuously. S.N. Somayajulu of Tirunelveli led the protestors, who gathered from several parts of Madras Presidency. Many were arrested and imprisoned. Gandhi Adigal who came to Madras at that time, supported the agitation.

1928 - Protest Movement against Simon Commission.

Bharathi's songs were confiscated. Opposing it, an adjournment motion was passed in the Madras Legislature.

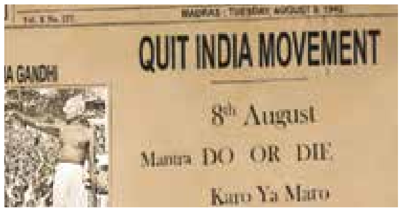
1930 - Rajaji led the historically famous Vedaranyam Salt Satyagraha March. It commenced at Tiruchirappalli on April 13, 1930 and reached Vedaranyam in Thanjavur District on April 28. Exclusively for this March, Namakkal Kavignar Ramalinganar composed a special song ‘Kathi Indri Rathamindri Yudhamondru varugudhu/ Sathiyathin Nithiyatthai Nambum Yaarum Seruveer” (‘A war without weapons and bloodshed is approaching; all those who believe in the eternity of Truth, join it’).

1931 - Civil Disobedience Movement.

1932 - Holding the National flag aloft, Kumarasamy, known as Tiruppur Kumaran fell down and died on January 11.

Arya (a) Bashyam entered Fort St. George and hoisted the National flag at midnight on January 25.

1937 - Congress Government headed by Rajaji takes over administration in Tamil Nadu.



1939 - Congress Governments all over India (including Rajaji in Chennai) quit office.

1940 - Kamarajar elected as the President of Tamil Nadu Congress Committee.

1942- Quit India Movement; conspiracy cases – Seerkazhi, Kulasekarapattinam and Kurumbur Meygnanapuram.

1947- India gains Independence from British Imperialism.

Hon’ble Minister for Industries Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu visited the exhibition on 02.11.2021.

Actor Thiru. Sivakumar visited the exhibition on 06.11.2021.

Viduthalai Poril Thamizhagam - photo exhibition

Velu Nachiyar

Lost her husband Muthuvaduganathan and Sivaganga to British rulers in 1772 and retrieved Sivaganga in 1780, after 8 years. In the freedom struggle, she was the only queen to have gained back her kingdom.

Anjalai Ammal

A native of Cuddalore, courted arrest with husband Murugan and daughter Leelavathi. Though she was pregnant, she fought, came out of the prison on parole and delivered the child. She passed away on February 20, 1961.

Kuyili

This martyr tricked the British into believing that she was going to the temple in the Sivaganga palace with Velu Nachiyar on Vijayadasami Day in 1780. She set fire to her saree and jumped into their arsenal and blew it up.

Ammu Swaminathan

She was the wife of lawyer Swaminathan and mother of Captain Lakshmi. Got trained in many fields like car driving, horse riding, swimming and playing tennis. Was drawn to the freedom movement after listening to a speech by Gandhi Adigal in 1920. A high society life-style turned into a sublime one. She switched over to Khadi. She was a member of Chennai Corporation and of Parliament twice. She was a keen participant in the agitations against the British.

Mayakkaal

A rebellion took place at Perungamanallur protesting against the Criminal Tribes Act on 03.04.1920. Police shot dead 16 persons. The police shot dead mercilessly a woman by name Mayakkal also while she was giving water to a bullet-injured person struggling for life.

Padmasini Ammaiyar

Mobilised women in Madurai and fought against the British for the freedom of the Country. Her courage and oratory inspired a large number of women to participate in the freedom struggle. She was tortured in prison.

Nagammaiyar E.V.R.

A decision to picket toddy shops was taken when Gandhi Adigal was staying in Periyar's house in Erode. Periyar was arrested for his participation. The very next day Nagammaiyar and Periyar's sister Kannammal joined the picketing. Nagammaiyar also participated in the temple entry agitation at Vaikom in Kerala in 1924.

Sornathammal

Imprisoned for 3 weeks in the boycott agitation of foreign goods in the 1930s and for 4 months in the individual satyagraha in the 1940s. Though subjected to inhuman torture, she was steadfast in her ideal.

S.R. Kannammal

Younger sister of Periyar. In the 1930s, she was the publisher of 'Kudiarasu' magazine. Both Editor Periyar and Publisher Kannammal were arrested for an editorial written by Periyar under the heading 'Why this regime should be thrown out'. Periyar was sentenced to 6 months and Kannammal to 3 months. Kannammal followed Periyar from 1925. She was a councilor in Erode Municipality in 1932.

Rukmani Lakshmipathy

Was lathi-charged by the police in Vedaranyam Salt Satyagraha in 1930s and was sentenced to jail. In the boycott of foreign goods agitation also was sentenced to a prison term. She donated all her jewels to Gandhi Adigal for Harijan Fund in 1933. She was the Vice Chairman of the Legislative Council of Madras Presidency in 1937. She went to prison by participating in the Individual Satyagraha in 1940. Elected to the Legislative Assembly in1946 and became a Minister also.

Ambujammal

She worked as a teacher in a girls school. Joined Mahatma Gandhi's satyagraha in 1930. She was sent to 6 months imprisonment in the foreign goods boycott agitation in 1932. Undaunted, she participated in all agitations till Independence was attained.

V.M.Kothainayaki

Used to silk clothes and gold jewels, she started wearing Khadi after becoming a Gandhian. She participated in the picketing of toddy shops in1931 and in the agitation against the Lothian Commission in 1932. she courted imprisonment several times. She was a great author.

K.B. Sundarambal

A nationalist, she joined the Gandhian movement and aroused the emotions of people in Tamil Nadu through her patriotic songs.

Lakshmi Ammal

She was the mother of P. S. Sundaram who headed the procession in which Tiruppur Kumaran participated in 1932. To earn a livelihood, she went to Burma where she started 'Gandhi Seva Sangam' and strengthened the Khadi movement. She handed over her son Sundaram to Gandhi Adigal for public service. Lakshmi Ammal and Sundaram's wife Sumithra Devi participated in the Satyagraha in Tiruchengode under Rajaji's leadership and were sentenced to six months imprisonment.

K.P. Janaki Ammal

To create awareness among people, she sang and acted on stage. When Viswanatha Das ran out of cash for the Swadeshi movement, she sold her jewels and helped him. She sold her house in West Masi street and gave the money for freedom fighters to enable them hold a secret conference at Madurai.

Captain Lakshmi

The women's wing of the Indian National Army led by Netaji Subash Chandra Bose was named Rani Jhansi Regiment. Netaji appointed Captain Lakshmi as the Commander of that Regiment. About 1,000 women joined this army and faced the British army with weapons. Eighty per cent of this army consisted of women from Tamil Nadu.

Meena Krishnaswamy

She went to prison at the age of 13. Joined the Wardha Ashram of Gandhi Adigal in 1939; studied basic education there for 3 years. During the Quit India movement in 1942, she campaigned in the villages around the Ashram. She underwent one year imprisonment in Nagpur in 1942. In total, she was in prison for six years.

Leelavathi

She was the daughter of Cuddalore Anjalai Ammal. Along with her mother, Leelavathi participated in the Neil statue agitation in 1927 at the age of 9. Arrested along with her mother, she was sent to the juvenile prison due to her age where she remained for 4 years. After her release, Gandhi Adigal summoned her to Wardha Ashram. It was Gandhi Adigal who changed her name Ammakannu, given by her parents, to Leelavathi. She married freedom fighter E.R. Jamadagni.

Sornammal

When Gandhi Adigal came to Nagercoil in Kanniyakumari District with his wife Kasturba on October 8, 1927, Sornammal met him and donated all her jewels for the freedom struggle. She courted imprisonment through participation in Satyagraha agitations.

V.O.Chidambaranar

V.O.Chidambaranar was a famous lawyer in Thoothukudi in 1907. He purchased a ship in 1907 and used it as a transport ship from Thoothukudi to Colombo. He was booked for treason by the then British Government. He was lodged in prison on July 8, 1908 to suffer a 40 year sentence. He was tortured by the British

authorities who forced him to draw the wooden oil press in Kovai Prison.

M. Singaravelar

Born in a family of fisherfolk, he became a High Court lawyer. During the non-cooperation movement, he set fire to his advocate's robe and became a full-time professor. His writings, speeches and thinking were marked by individuality. He authored many books. For the first time in India, he celebrated May Day in Chennai in 1923. He presided over the Communist organization's conference held at Kanpur

in 1925. A strong trade union leader who served many prison sentences.

T.S.S.Rajan

T.S.S. Rajan served as a Doctor in Burma. From there he went to London for higher studies. When Gandhi Adigal came to London from South Africa, Dr. Rajan got an opportunity to meet him at India House, hear his speeches and associate with him. After returning to India, Dr.Rajan served as Doctor besides participating in Congress Party work. He toured along with Gandhi Adigal when the latter came to Tamil Nadu in 1921 and translated his speeches. He participated in Flag satyagraha in Nagpur. He was arrested and imprisoned

for a year. When Rajaji launched Salt Satyagraha agitation in 1930, at Tiruchi, the march started from the house of Dr.Rajan. He served as a Health Minister in the Rajaji's cabinet in 1937.

Subramaniya Siva

He participated in the freedom movement along with V.O.Chidambaranar. He was sentenced to prison in 1908 and 1921. He organized his protest movement from Papparappatti in Pennagaram. He got 10 years imprisonment in a treason case. Due to harassment in prison,

he was afflicted with leprosy.

Va.Ve.Su. Iyer

When he was a lawyer, he went to London for higher studies. As a revolutionary freedom fighter, during his 3 years of stay in London, he abstained from taking food for over 600 times and purchased arms and ammunition with the money he saved by such fasting.

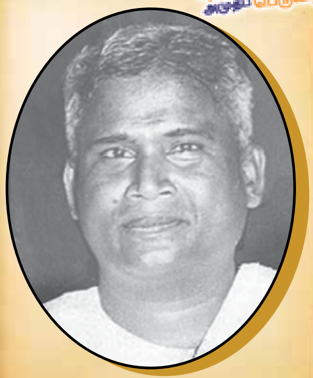
Pa. Jeevanandam

In his 14th year, Pa.Jeevanandam participated in Vaikom's Anti-Untouchability Movement. He started a weekly by name Janasakthi in 1937. He was known for his integrity despite his poor financial position. As his song "Kaalukku Seruppum Illai, Kal Vayitrukku Koozhum Illai, Paazhukku Uzhaithomada En Thozha, Pasaiyattru Ponomada" (There is no slippers for our legs, no food for our stomach and we toiled

in vain friend),he lived in a small hut till his last breath.

P.Kakkan

For the freedom of the Country he involved in various agitations. Angered by his agitations, on 24.10.1940, the British Government awarded him rigorous imprisonment and he was sentenced to prison in Vellore prison and Chennai Central prison. Till the Country attained freedom, he participated



in various agitations and imprisoned.

P.S.Kumarasami Raja

Belonging to Rajapalayam area, Thiru. Kumarasami Raja joined the freedom movement under the influence of Dr. Annie Besant, Satyamurthi and Gandhi Adigal. He agitated against the tyrannical rule of the British Government and went to prison in 1932. He took special interest in Khadi and the Co-operative movement. He was among those responsible for extending the influence of the

freedom movement to the Southern Districts. He was the member of the Legislative Assembly from 1949 to 1952 and was also the Chief Minister of Madras Presidency.

Chakkarai Chettiar

He was a member of the Chennai Corporation for 24 years from 1924 to 1948 and was Madras Corporation Mayor from 1941 to 1942. He was the President of various trade unions having thousands of workers as members. He was not only the leader of thousands of workers, but also of the national movement, according to Rajaji. Being a true

friend of Bharathiyar, he was one among the 4 persons who spoke at the cremation of Bharathiyar.

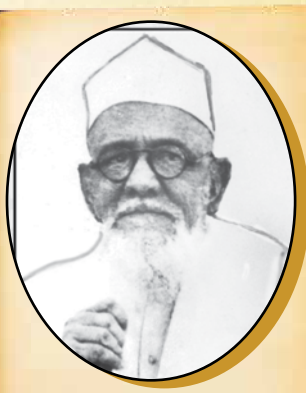
Dr.P.Subbarayan

Belonging to Kumaramangalam in Tiruchengode, Dr.Subbarayan started his career as a lawyer and participated in the freedom movement. In 1922, he was elected to the Chennai Presidency Legislative council for the first time. He successfully contested as an independent in the 1926 Assembly Elections. Due to political circumstances prevailing at the time, he was elected as a Chief Minister. Then he

joined the Congress Party. In 1942, he participated in the Quit India movement and was lodged in Tiruchi prison. All his family members were involved in public life.

Madurai Maulana Sahib

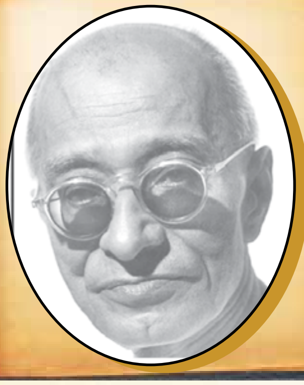
In 1921, Maulana Sahib was arrested and remanded to prison for picketing toddy shops. In connection with the Khilafat non-cooperation movement, a meeting was held at Thanjavur. In that meeting, Maulana gave a fiery speech. Once he ended it, he was arrested and remanded to prison for 18 months. In 1932, for participation in the Civil Disobedience movement he spent two years in Cuddalore prison. During that period, his wife Sultan Beevi passed



away. Though many suggested that he must apply for parole, he refused.

C. Rajagopalachariar

He was a lawyer in 1900 and had a great affinity for the Gandhian movement. He participated in agitations against the Rowlatt Act, in the Non-Cooperation Movement, in the Vaikom Satyagraha and went to prison.



P.Varadarajalu

He fought for the rights of Madurai Harvey Mill workers in 1918. He made forceful speeches in support of the agitating workers. Gandhi Adigal stayed in his house when he came to Tiruppur in August 1920 and again in September to Salem. He was a forceful orator, journalist and trade union leader. He went to prison

many times and was arrested mainly for his forceful articles.

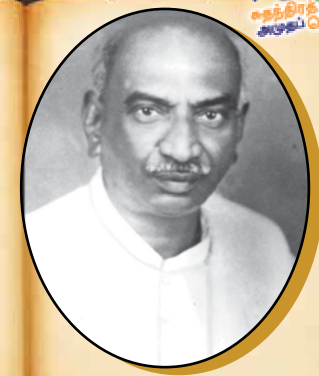
Namakkal Kavignar V Ramalingam Pillai

In 1906, Ramalingam Pillai was a youth who was drawn to the Swadeshi movement due to the nationalistic upsurge in the period. In 1914, he gave a speech at the political conference held at Tiruchi. He met Dr. Annie Besant in that political meeting. He was the poet of the Gandhian era, a good speaker in Tamil and an artist. In 1930, His marching song for the Salt Satyagraha, 'Kathiyindri Raththamindri Yudham Ondru Varugudhu' (There's a war that's on without swords and bloodshed) became the

bugle cry of the freedom fighters. In 1932, he was again arrested for participation in the Civil Disobedience movement. He has written poems about Mahatma Gandhi's programmes of Prohibition, Untouchability, Khadi and handicrafts development.

K.Kamaraj

Kamarajar participated in the freedom movement from 1921. In that year, he travelled from his native place Virudhunagar to Madurai to hear the speech of Gandhi Adigal. He travelled to various towns and villages to create awareness about the freedom movement. In 1927, he participated as the commander of the volunteer force in the All-India Congress Committee conference. He was arrested and imprisoned many times. In 1940, 1942, 1944, 1946, 1948 and 1950 he was the



president of the State Congress unit. In 1946, He was elected as the member of the Assembly from Sattur Constituency. Then he became the president of the All-India Congress Committee. He was also the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

M.Bhakthavatchalam

He was the Secretary of the reception committee of the All-India Congress Committee conference held in Chennai in 1927. He participated in the agitation against the Simon Commission in 1928. In 1932, he was assaulted by the police and lodged in prison. He participated in all agitations sponsored by the Congress party. He was imprisoned many times.

After independence, he became the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Bharathidasan

He met Bharathiyar at the marriage of his physical training coach Velu Naicker. In the marriage, he sang the song of Bharathiyar song, 'Veera Sudhandhiram Vendi Nindraar, Pinnar Verondrum Kolvaaro' without knowing that Bharathiyar was also present there. The meeting between the two was happened through this Bharathiyar song. He sang many songs about Gandhi Adigal. In his poem about V.O.C, he compared the action of the patriot breaking stones in prison to breaking the teeth of

the British regime and his drawing of the oil press to crushing the heads of the white rulers. He lauded Madasami who was involved in the Ashe murder case. His songs bear his individual stamp. He joined the self-respect movement in 1937.

Periyar E.V.R.

EVR, who held 29 posts in public life gave all of them up to participate in the freedom movement in 1919. The posts included that of Chairman of Erode Municipality. His decision was the offshoot of the Jallianwalabagh carnage. He participated in dharnas against toddy shops, took part in the Khadi movement and led the Vaikom agitation and was imprisoned many times. He was also the

president of Tamil Nadu Congress Committee. In 1925, he quit the Congress and formed the self-respect movement.

Mahakavi Subramaniya Bharathiyar

By participating in three All-India Congress Committee conferences, he shaped his political life and personality. He started the ‘Swadesha Prachaarini’ organisation in Chennai with some like-minded freedom fighters. He was involved in attracting youth and students into serious politics and the freedom movement. He kindled the spirit of freedom through his songs

and speeches. He made a great impression in journalism.

Salem C Vijayaraghavachariyar

Vijayaragavachariyar was a lawyer who opposed the British attitude of labeling freedom fighters as treasonists conspiring against the State and getting them severe sentences. Mahatma Gandhi had written a letter to Vijayaraghavachariyar asking him to inform the Governor General about the problems of South African people. Till the end of his life, he relentlessly fought against the

British Government and its repressive policies. He was a President of the All India Congress Party.

Muthuramalinga Thevar

Muthuramalinga Thevar considered patriotism and spirituality to be his two eyes. In 1939, at Madurai he championed Harijan temple entry. He agitated against the Criminal Tribes Act brought by the British and went to prison many times for withdrawal of the Act. He suffered imprisonment many times for the freedom of the Country.

G.Subramania Iyer

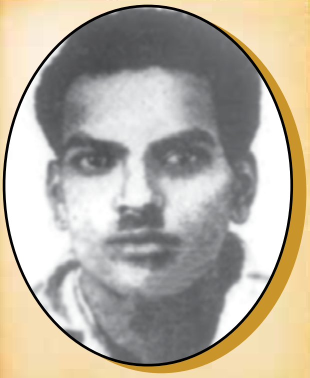
“The British Government is tormenting poor farmers. The protest method of begging it for corrective action will not help”, wrote the leading journalist G. Subramania Iyer, while strongly condemning the British authorities in his newspaper.

Vanchinathan

A youth who got agitated after hearing that V.O.C was given two life sentences, Vanchinathan shot dead Tirunelveli Collector Ashe when the latter was travelling by train, at Maniyachi Junction on June 17, 1911. He then shot himself to death when policemen tried to nab him.

Immanuvel Sekaran

Immanuvel Sekaran was born in 1924 at Sellur near Paramakudi, Ramanathapuram District. In 1942, at the age of 18 he participated in the Quit India Movement. After Independence, he was in the Army for five years. He organised various agitations for the



oppressed people. In 1957, he passed away.

Vaidyanatha Iyer

In 1930, he delivered a speech as part of the Vedaranyam Salt Satyagraha and was severely attacked by the Police. It was because of Vaidyanatha Iyer that a large number of people from Madurai participated in the freedom struggle. He was arrested and remanded to prison for six months. In 1932 again, he was arrested and imprisoned for one year for participation in the Civil Disobedience movement. In 1932, he entered the Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple along with downtrodden people as part of the Temple Entry movement. In 1946, he became a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

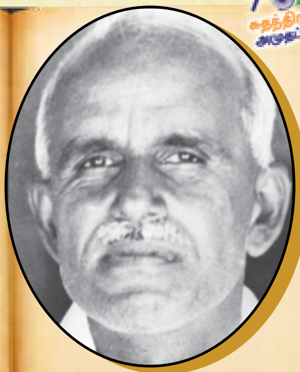
Sathyamurthy

A lawyer by profession, due to patriotic feeling he joined the freedom struggle in 1919. He participated in many agitations including flag satyagraha in 1932 and went to prison many times.

Thiru.Vi. Kalyanasundaram

A freedom fighter, trade unionist, orator, journalist, writer, translator, politician and Gandhian. On 07.12.1917, he became the editor of the 'Desabakthan' magazine. He then started the weekly magazine 'Navasakthi'. On 17.12.1919, along with V.O.C., he met Tilakar at Chennai and arranged for a workers' meeting in Chennai. He established the Madras Labour Union in 1918 and held the State-level labour conference in 1920. In 1921, he met Mahatma Gandhi Adigal several times and translated many of the English speeches made by Mahatma Gandhi into Tamil.

Omandur P Ramasamy Reddiyar



In 1920, Ramasamy Reddiyar participated in the Indian National Congress meeting at Nagpur. He led the movement of Harijan entry into the Rameswaram Temple. In 1930, he participated in the Salt Satyagraha struggle at Vedaranyam and was remanded to prison for six months. In 1938, he was elected leader of the Tamil Nadu Congress. In 1940, he presided over the 40th Congress committee meeting. On 15th August 1947 at the time of hoisting of National Flag at Fort St. George, Chennai, Ramasamy Reddiyar was the Chief Minister of Madras Presidency.

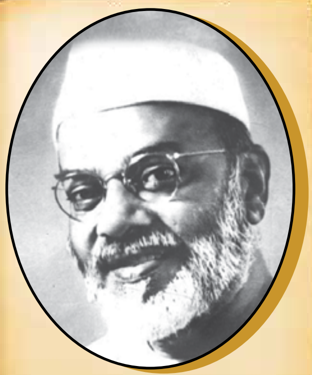
Tiruppur Kumaran

At the civil disobedience protest held in Tiruppur on 10.01.1932, he carried a flag in his hand at the head of the procession and marched forward with majesty. The police aggressively targeted Kumaran first. Kumaran was hit hard on his head and he fell unconscious. Despite being injured, Kumaran continued to hold the flag. He was admitted to hospital. He then passed away.

Ma. Po. Sivagnanam

Although he had studied only up to the third standard, he had a great love for the Tamil language. He participated in the freedom struggle and suffered imprisonment for 755 days. Through his books, he made the world know about Kattabomman and V.O.C.

J. C. Kumarappa



A Gandhian economist, he pursued his higher education in the United States and London. His dissertation on 'Public Finance and Poverty in India' exposed the exploitation of the British. In 1931, he was sentenced to one-and-a-half-years imprisonment for sedition. He worked at the Sabarmati Ashram with Gandhi Adigal. In 1932, he was sentenced to two years of rigorous imprisonment in Nasik prison.

Photo exhibition on wheels flagged off

150th Birth anniversary of the Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar

In his Independence Day speech, the Hon'ble Chief Minister had announced that the 150th birth anniversary of 'Kappalottiya Thamizhan' V.O.C. would be celebrated by the Government with eclat. In accordance with that announcement, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** flagged off on 01.11.2021 a mobile 'photo exhibition bus' (with the Transport Department's participation) that brings out the rare events in the life of 'Thiyaga seelar' V.O.C. for students to see and benefit.

The mobile exhibition carries photographs depicting the life history of V.O. Chidambaranar; short documentaries too are proposed to be screened. The bus will visit the schools in all Districts, Monday to Friday every week.

School students and the general public are requested to visit the mobile exhibition, observing the corona protection procedures given out by the Government.

Rs. One lakh each to 110 border agitation thiyagis

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, at the Secretariat on 01.11.2021, with a view to honour those who participated in the border agitation and suffered incarceration, handed over Rs. 1 lakh as Porkizhi and memento to each of them.

After the Independence of the Country, the States were reorganized on a linguistic basis on 01.11.1956. During this reorganization, some of the areas which were then under the Madras Presidency were separated and included in Andhra, Karnataka and Kerala States. At that time, demanding that areas where a majority of Tamils were living should not be included in the neighbouring States, many people took part in agitations and were jailed. Some sacrificed their lives and others suffered imprisonment for retaining the Tamil speaking areas in Madras State.

To commemorate the sacrifices made by these leaders, November 1 is observed as the Border Row Thiyagis Day by the Tamil Nadu Government. To honour the border row agitators, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced that Rs. One lakh would be sanctioned to110 of the surviving agitators.

As per the announcement, the Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over the 'Porkizhi of Rs. One lakh to 14 Border Row agitators as a mark of distributing the grant to 110 such thiyagis. For the remaining agitators, the Porkizhi will be given through their respective District Collectors.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates Government college at Kolathur

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurated a new Government Arts and Science College, on behalf of the HR and CE Department, at Kolathur and distributed educational aids to students on 02.11.2021.

In the 2021-2022 budget demand for the HR and CE Department in the Assembly, it was announced that 10 new Arts colleges will be opened in the State on behalf of the HR and CE Department. To start with, 4 colleges will be opened, one each at Kolathur in Chennai, at Tiruchengode in Namakkal District, at Thoppampatti in Dindigul District and in Vilathikulam in Thoothukudi District. These colleges will offer courses in B.Com, BBA, BCA, B.Sc Computer Science. A Government order has also been issued in this connection.

The College at Kolathur, on behalf of the Arulmigu Kapaleeswarar Temple, Mylapore, will come up on a 5 acre land belonging to Arulmigu Somanathar Temple and the College will start functioning in the current academic year itself. To start with, the College will function temporarily in the Everwin Matriculation Higher Secondary School complex.

Announcement for enrolment of students for the current academic year was made on 08.10.2021 and so far 210 students have been admitted. For the posts of Assistant Professors in the college, 9 candidates were selected as per the guidelines of the University Grants Commission, besides one librarian and one Physical Education Teacher for the college. Appointment orders were issued by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 21.10.2021.

The College has 7 classrooms, 2 computer laboratories, a Library, Principal's room, and room for Professors, Lecturers and employees.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has made arrangements for free education fees and educational gadgets to all students joining the college.

Affirming shared bonds of language and culture and assuring all help...

Hon'ble Chief Minister lays foundation stone for 3,510 new houses for Sri Lankan Tamils

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** at a function at Melmonavur, Vellore District laid the foundation for 3,510 new houses for expatriate Sri Lankan Tamils in Tamil Nadu to be constructed at an estimate of Rs.142.16 crore and for basic amenities like supply of drinking water, electricity and road in 78 camps, at a cost of Rs.30 crore, on 20.11.2021.

He also distributed and inaugurated Government welfare assistance schemes like enhanced doles to 58,747 camp dwelling Tamils amounting to Rs.12.41 crore, free handloom clothes costing Rs.4.52 crore to 58,677 persons, five types of ever silver vessels to 18,890 families costing Rs.2.42 crore, free LPG gas appliances and 5 gas cylinders at subsidized prices, amounting to Rs.8.66 crore to 18,890 families, skill development training and tools costing Rs. 10 crore to 5,000 persons, cheques to the face value of Rs.3.10 crore towards tuition and hostel fees to students in engineering, agriculture/ agriculture engineering colleges and Post Graduate students, enhanced scholarship fee of Rs. 1.25 crore to 940 students (boys and girls) community investment fund of Rs. 6.15 crore to 621 Self-Help Groups, Rs. 5 crore to Standard of Living Development Fund to 106 camps and supply of free rice, costing Rs. 19 lakh, totally amounting to Rs.225.86 crore.

Following this, he went round the Melmonavur Sri Lankan Tamils Rehabilitation Camp, interacted with the inmates and enquired about the facilities available there. He also visited and reviewed the Anganwadi Centre in the camp and distributed sweets to children.

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K.Stalin** at a Government function at Melmonavur, Vellore District on 02.11.2021.

Thiru. Duraimurugan, Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources in whose 'foremost' presence this function is taking place, Thiru. Gingee K.S. Masthan, Hon'ble Minister for Minorities Welfare and Non-Resident Tamils Welfare, Thiru. R. Gandhi, Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles, Thiru. P. Kumaravel Pandian, I.A.S., District Collector who welcomed the audience, Dr.Jagathrakshakan, Thiru. Kathir Anand and Thiru. Kalanidhi Veeraswamy, Members of Parliament, Thiru. Nandakumar, Thiru. Karthikeyan, Tmt. Amalu Vijayan, Thiru. Eswarappan, Thiru. Viswanathan and Thiru. Devaraj, Members of Legislature, Thiru. Jagannathan, I.A.S., Secretary, Public Department who is to propose a vote of thanks, Tmt. Jacintha Lazarus I.A.S., Commissioner, Rehabilitation and Overseas Tamils Welfare, former and present MLAs and MPs, Government Officers, Elders and Ladies who have come in great numbers, Our Beloved Sri Lankan Tamils who enjoy an umbilical relationship with us, TV and Media friends and Thalaivar Kalaignar's affectionate siblings,who are more than his own life to him, I offer my respects to all of you.

Though we have implemented welfare schemes for Sri Lankan Tamils at different periods of time, I am happy, proud and joyous to formulate many good schemes on behalf of the DMK Government when it has assumed the reins of the State for the sixth time, and to participate in this excellent function to inaugurate and lay the foundation to those schemes, and meet you all.

The expatriate Sri Lankan Tamils in Tamil Nadu, I have used the word Sri Lankan Tamils as a mark of identification, otherwise, we have not forgotten that Tamils wherever they live, are all children of the same mother. The Tamils in Tamil Nadu and Sri Lanka, in that respect, are bound by race, language, culture and civilization. To put it in a happier, proud and exuberant sense, we all belong to the Tamil race. Only the sea separates us. Your tears are binding us today. No one can deny or hide the fact that the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam has been the movement that raised its voice for the Sri Lankan Tamils from the days of their sufferings in their own motherland. Migration of Tamils from Jaffna started from 1983, after which camps were set up for them and some stayed outside the camps also. Realizing and seeing the deplorable conditions of the camps, our Leader of the Tamil race, Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar announced and implemented many schemes when he was Chief Minister in 1997. That satisfied them to some extent, I will not say wholly.

But in the last 10 years, the AIADMK has not done anything good for them, they did not bother at all. In this situation, the DMK, after assuming power, has now once again started welfare schemes for the Sri Lankan Tamils. They are not refugees, nor are they orphans. The epithet 'refugee' should not have been there when referring to them or their camps. To make them understand that we are with them, I pointed out this in the Assembly, while making an announcement under Rule 110 and said let us call the camp as Sri Lankan Tamils Rehabilitation Camp. This day is the day for its implementation. We have come to this camp only for that.

When our leader of Tamil Race, Kalaignar was Chief Minister, 3,594 new houses were constructed for camp dwelling Sri Lankan Tamils in 1997-1998; 3,826 houses in 1998-1999; to provide basic facilities in the camp complex, Rs. 100 crore was allocated. We have proposed to further improve those accommodations. Hence, Ministers, not merely the one in charge of them, have been instructed to visit

all the 106 Sri Lankan Tamil Rehabilitation Camps in the State, review them and submit a report to me about the immediate needs of the inmates. There are many schemes like this. I have announced in the Assembly that funds would be allocated to construct 7,469 most damaged houses in the Sri Lankan Tamils camps that house 19,046 families and create basic structures in all the camps and improve them.

I have announced that the Government will wholly provide for the tuition and hostel fees of the camp-dwelling eligible students to study engineering, agriculture, agriculture engineering and post graduate courses for their educational uplift. The enhanced scholarship will be provided to students in the arts, science and diploma courses and skill development training will be provided for improving their job eligibility. To Self-Help Groups in the camps, community investment fund will be provided. Stainless steel utensils will replace aluminium vessels. Quality clothes with a higher price tag are proposed to be distributed to camp-dwelling Tamils through Co-optex. Thalaivar Kalaignar has given the guidance. "We do what we say, We say what we do." So, I affirm that this Government will stand by that guidance and implement it.

We are proud to have started implementing the 12 welfare schemes I had announced for Sri Lankan Tamils, within two months. Now social welfare schemes are being inaugurated. An allocation of Rs.12.41 crore for enhanced doles, Rs. 4.52 crore for distribution of clothes, Rs.2.42 crore for distribution of 5 types of stainless steel cooking vessels and Rs.8.66 crore towards subsidy for free gas connection and LPG cylinder, has been made. Distribution of free rice to camp-dwelling Tamils has now started with the Government taking over the entire cost on itself.

Free education is provided to Sri Lankan Tamil students in camps to enable them complete college education and Rs.4.35 crore has been given towards enhanced scholarship. In tune with the already made announcement that a decent life economically will be provided to camp dwelling Tamils, Rs. 6.15 crore has been set apart for community investment fund for distribution to 621 Self-Help Groups and Rs. 10 crore has been distributed towards skill development training, vocational education and employment opportunity camps for creation of self-employment and employment opportunities to 5,000 Sri Lankan Tamils. An allotment of Rs. 5 crore has been made to the Sri Lankan Tamils Standard of Living Development Fund for attending to the essential needs of the camps immediately. These 10 schemes will come into effect from today.

Also, foundation has been laid here for 3,510 new houses with a plinth area of 290 sq.ft. each in the Sri Lankan Tamils Rehabilitation camps all over Tamil Nadu by way of developing the basic structures in the camps. Works costing Rs.30 crore have also been launched to improve the basic facilities like supply of drinking water, electricity, road and drainage. I am really proud and full of joy to lay the foundation stone in the Lankan Tamils Rehabilitation camp in Melmonavur Village and to distribute and inaugurate welfare assistance. This is not the end. All the Ministers are to inaugurate these works in the remaining 105 rehabilitation camps.

I wish to state that we are here for you, the DMK party and its Government will always stand by you. You are not orphans, consider me as your sibling. It is said if one window closes, another opens. The DMK has opened its door for Sri Lankan Tamils. I assure you that this Government will support you. As Chief Minister, though I have attended many Government events, I am extremely proud and happy to have attended this Government function today for the Sri Lankan Tamils. I affirm that we will stand by you and thank you once again for providing me this good opportunity.

Incentives worth Rs. 196.91 crore to 1,05,168 employees for fighting Corona

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, at the Secretariat on 03.11.2021, distributed incentives to 13 employees, involved in anti-Corona operations, as a mark of giving incentives to 24,908 medical officers, 26,615 nurses, 6,791 health inspectors, 8,658 village health nurses, 6,083 research technicians, and 32,113 other employees, totally 1,05,168 employees, amounting to Rs. 196.91 crore. The incentives was sanctioned on behalf of the Health and Family Welfare Department.

During the anti-COVID operations in the last 3 months of April, May and June, 34,396 workers belonging to Public Health and Preventive Medicine Department, 13,371 workers, belonging to Medical and Rural Health services, 49,908 from the Directorate of Medical Education Department, 270 workers from the Indian Medicine and Homeopathy Department, 962 persons, and 6,261 persons from the Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Programme, totally 1,05,168 employees, were involved in the programme.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister said that all the employees and contract workers involved in the anti-Corona Programme during the three months (April, May and June) of 2021 would be sanctioned the incentives for their contribution towards preventing the dreaded Corona disease from spreading.

As a mark of implementing the Hon'ble Chief Minister's announcement, Rs. 65.11 crore has been given to Public Health and Preventive Medicine Department, Rs.28.19 crore to Medical and Rural Health Services, Rs. 91.69 crore to Directorate of Medical Education, Rs.55.75 lakh to Indian Medicine and Homeopathy Department, Rs. 1.96 crore to the Medical and Rural Health Services (ESI) Department and Rs. 9.39 crore to Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Programme, totally Rs. 196.91 crore will be distributed to 1,05,168 workers and a Government Order in this connection was issued on 26.10.2021.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has inaugurated the distribution of incentives to Rs. 1,05,168 workers, involved in the anti-Corona programme.

Hon'ble Chief Minister distributes welfare benefits to 282 Narikuravars, Irulars

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** distributed welfare measures to members of Irular and Narikuravar communities on 04.11.2021. The Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed house site pattas, family cards, election identity cards, community certificates, welfare board membership cards, orders for training and bank loans to 282 Narikuravars and Irulars, belonging to Pooncheri Village in Thirukazhukundram in Chengalpattu District.

Under the Chief Minister's Special Regularising Scheme, Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over house site pattas worth Rs. 3.52 crore to 81 Narikuravars and Irulars, belonging to Pooncheri Village, old age pension orders to 6, family ration cards to 21, election identity cards to 18 persons, S.T. certificates to 88 Irular community people, MBC certificates to 34 Narikuravars, Narikuravar Welfare Board membership cards to 34 persons, Tribal Welfare Board membership cards to 25 persons, training course certificates under the self-employment for manufacturing artificial ornaments to 18 persons, Rs. One lakh loan each to 12 persons under the Mudra Scheme, Rs.10,000 each to 33 persons, totally Rs. 3.30 lakh, under the bank loan scheme for starting small trade, formal approval worth Rs. 75 lakh under the Kalaignar Development Scheme, new Anganwadi Centre and orders for constructing 2 additional classrooms to the local Panchayat Union primary schools, under the social responsibility scheme of the Madras Atomic Power Station and orders for executing welfare schemes worth Rs.10 lakh under the Town Panchayat Public scheme. Totally Government welfare schemes, worth Rs. 4.53 crore were distributed to 282 persons by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Two beneficiaries, Tmt.Bhavani and Tmt. Aswini, who expressed their gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for the distribution of welfare measures, appealed to him to make a visit to their houses. The Chief Minister, accepting their invitation, visited their homes and interacted with them. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also inspected the tenements of Irulars and Narikuravars and enquired about facilities at the tenements. He also received petitions from them.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu assured them that all manner of infrastructure including water, electricity and roads will be provided to the colonies of Irulars and Narikuravars.

A memorable day in the lives of Irulars and Narikuravars

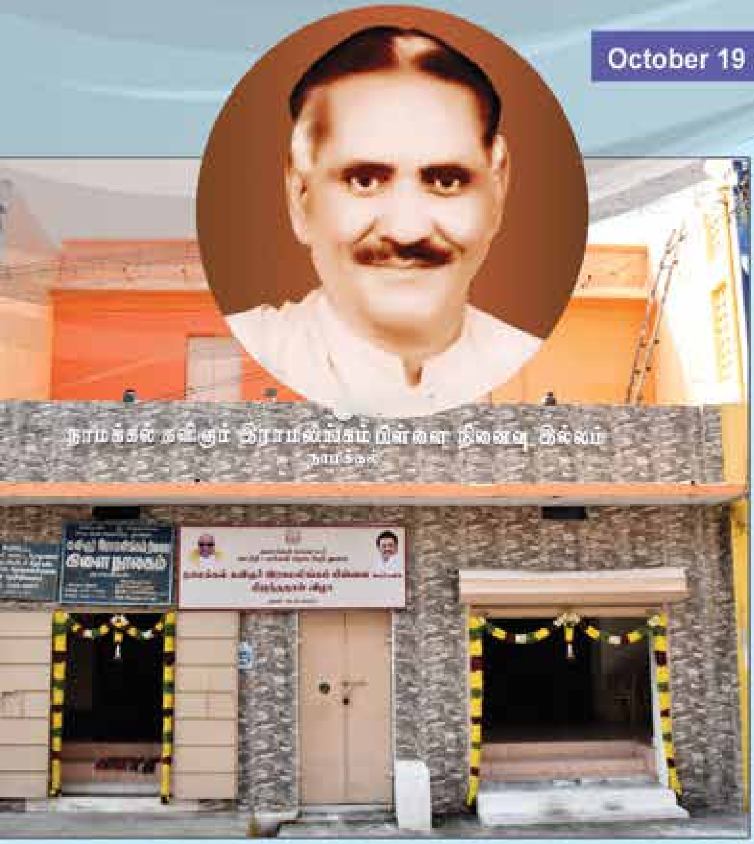
The aim of the Dravidian movement is to protect the self-respect of the people in the fringes of society and ensure social justice to them.

Sister Aswini was not only denied food but also self-respect. We got an opportunity to retrieve it for her. Service to these moving temples is what the DMK engages in whenever it comes to power, Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar has said.

May be a hundred years have rolled by since the formation of the Dravidian movement. But this is an insignificant period when considering the thousands of years when the dirt of injustices got lodged in society, and we have miles to go before we achieve our egalitarian goals.

Today I have distributed house pattas, community certificates, election identity cards, residence certificates, pension for elders, welfare board membership cards and bank loans to the Irulars and Narikuravars of Pooncheri Village. The distribution of welfare measures will bring light in the lives of these people.

I have issued orders for the distribution of welfare measures to these community people in the State for the next two weeks. When I do these things, I am reminded of the river of fire that the Dravidian movement has crossed in its journey. I keep the thoughts of Periyar, Anna and Kalaignar in my heart while distributing these welfare measures. Our services to these people, which is equivalent to service to temples, will continue.



October 19 : Birth anniversary of Namakkal Kavignar V.Ramalingam Pillai

Namakkal Kavignar

Namakkal Kavignar V.Ramalingam Pillai was born on 19.10.1888 at Mohanur in Namakkal District. He was a famous Tamil savant and poet. He sang of nationalism and Gandhian values. He sang the inspiring lines, 'Thamizhan Endru Sollada, Thalai Nimirndhu Nillada' (Declare you are a Tamil and stride ahead with self-esteem). Through his patriotic speeches, he inspired Tamil youth to serve the nationalistic cause. He was awarded the Union Government's Padma Bhushan in 1971. He was the Poet Laureate of Tamil Nadu for 5 years.

Hon'ble Minister for Tourism Dr. M. Mathiventhan paid floral tribute to Namakkal Kavignar's portrait kept in his memorial building on 19.10.2021.

Amutha Kavi

October 23 : Birth anniversary of *Amutha Kavi Umarupulavar*

Amutha Kavi Umarupulavar was born in the year 1642 at Ettayapuram in Thoothukudi District. He learnt Tamil grammar and literature and Kavi Nigandu from many Tamil scholars. He successfully contested against the North Indian poet Valaivaruthi by singing divine poetry at the Ettayapuram Raja's court. The Raja immediately made him the Arasavai Pulavar of Ettayapuram. Knowing his talent, Seethakathi Maraikayar of Keezhakarai took him to his native village and requested him to write about the life history of Mohammed Nabi, which is known as Seerapuranam, which was first sung in Parangipettai.

Hon'ble Ministers honoured Amudha Kavi Umarupulavar at his manimandapam in Ettayapuram, Thoothukudi District on 23.10.2021.

November 8 : Birth anniversary of Tamil scholar Veeramamunivar

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin** released a book on the life of Tamil scholar Veeramamunivar and the printed version of his handwritten manuscript ‘Chithirai Kadhaigal’ in connection with the latter’s birth anniversary, at the Secretariat on 08.11.2021.

Italian priest who made signal contributions to Tamil

Veeramamunivar, who authored books of Tamil literature and grammar, was the first ever to bring out a Tamil lexicon, Chathuragaradhi, which gave the meanings of Tamil words in Tamil in alphabetical order.

Though there were many ‘Nigandugal’ in the Tamil language, Veeramamunivar’s lexicon named ‘Karuvoolam’ excels in bringing out the beauty of the Tamil language. Born as Constantine Joseph Beschi in Italy, he came to be called Veeramamunivar by the Tamil people because of his love for Tamil and his native attire as a saint.

Veeramamunivar also translated the Tamil classics – Thirukkural, Thevaram, Thiruppugazh, Nannool and Aathichudi into various European languages to make known the fame of the Tamil language to the world.

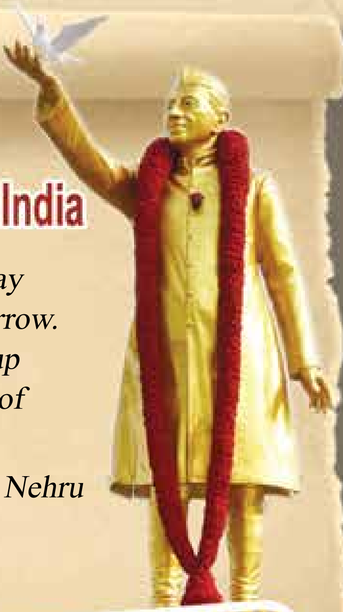
To portray his glorious service to the Tamil language, a life-size statue of Veeramamunivar was installed on the Marina Beach during the Second World Tamil Conference in Chennai in 1968, due to the efforts of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar and the then Chief Minister Arignar Anna. Every year his birth anniversary is celebrated on November 8 by the State Government. On that day his statue was decorated and honoured. His birthday is observed as the “Tamil Dictionary Day.”

Hon’ble Minister for Industries and Hon’ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare paid floral tributes to the portrait of Veeramamunivar kept near his statue in Chennai Marina Beach in connection with his birth anniversary on 08.11.2021.

Architect of Modern India

The children of India today
will make the India of tomorrow.
The way we bring them up
will determine the future of
the Country.

- Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru



Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. R.N. Ravi** paid floral tributes to the portrait of the former Prime Minister of India Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru placed near his statue at Kathipara Junction, Chennai, in connection with his 133rd birth anniversary on 14.11.2021.

Children are the Nation's wealth

Every year, we celebrate the birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru, November 14, as Children's Day as the late Nehru was very much fond of children. Children are the Country's wealth and its future light.

Each child has its own beauty and hidden talent. We should find the hidden talent of children and bring it out.

We should create a protective environment for children and stand with them in helping them the learn things by approaching the world without fear.

Protecting children unitedly is the duty of society and sexual abuse against them should be stopped with an iron hand.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M.K.Stalin
(English Translation)

"It is indeed more joyful to make history in the world rather than read world history.

Knowledge bereft of conduct is dangerous. Conduct without knowledge is useless."

- Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

December 11 : Birth anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar

People's poet whose verses breathed the spirit of freedom

Bharathiyar declared that his profession was writing poetry, persevering for the Country and never slackening in spirit even for a second. He served for 17 years in various magazines, including Swadesamitran, India, Chakravarthini and Bala Bharatham. By writing fire-brand articles and poems in various magazines, Bharathiyar kindled the spirit of freedom among the people. He was a people's poet, a great nationalist, an outstanding freedom fighter, a social visionary and a serious thinker.

Subramania Bharathiyar was born on 11.12.1882, in Ettayapuram in the then Tirunelveli District, (now Thoothukudi District). He spent 16 years in Ettayapuram, 3 years each in Kasi and Ettayapuram jamin service, a few months in Madurai and landed in Chennai in the year 1904. He joined as an Assistant Editor in Swadesamitran and lived in Chennai for 4 years. Due to the British regime's repression, he moved to French Pondicherry in 1908, where he spent 10 years. Later, for some months, he lived in his wife' s native village Kadayam. He moved to Chennai again in August 1920 and lived there up to September 1921. He wrote poems for women's freedom and protested against child marriage. He portrayed his mother tongue Tamil as his deity.

Bharathiyar, who worked for the Country and society and for the uplift of the Tamil Language, died at the early age of 39. His life is looked upon as the valiant saga of an inspired idealist.

December 10 : Birth anniversary of Rajaji

Rajaji - A great leader with many achievements

Chakravarthi Rajagopalachariyar was one of the famous leaders of the Indian National Congress. He was a great freedom fighter, lawyer, politician and writer. He was called as Rajaji and C.R. by the people. He was the last Governor General of India. He occupied the posts of Premier of the Madras Presidency and Chief Minister of the Madras State, Governor of West Bengal and Union Home Minister. He was one of the first recipients of Bharat Ratna Award. He founded the Swatantra Party in 1959. He had good relations with Periyar EVR till his death. Internationally, he fought for world peace and nuclear disarmament. He contributed to the enrichment of Tamil and English literature through his writing in both the languages. He translated both the epics, Ramayanam and Mahabharatham in Tamil. The famous Karnatic Tamil song 'Kurai Ondrum Illai, Maraimurthi Kanna' was written by him.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** visited the residential areas of Annai Satya Nagar in Chennai, affected by waterlogging due to the heavy rains, met the people and enquired about their requirements on 08.11.2021.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** while inspecting the relief measures being undertaken, tastes the food prepared at the Sembium Merchants Association Marriage Hall, for distribution to people hit by heavy rain and flooding, in Kolathur Constituency on 09.11.2021.

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